### Warning of 'social upheaval'

# Tebbit hits at 'U-turn' on Hong Kong

By Philip Webster, Calef Political Corresponden

MR NORMAN Tebbit tors which I made in 1987". arbitrarily-chosen minority. last night accused the Government of breaking its election commitments on immigration and said to Hong Kong by granting passports to 50,000 fam
Chinese regarded the Bill as incompatible with the spirit if its plans to bring stability

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are already overcrowded, and the belief that great waves of immigration by people who do not share our culture, language, roles of social conduct and, in many cases, owe no alledestabilizing factor in

society.
"If we are not to see social upheaval arising from re- Would the Government ligious, cultural and ethnic then be asking to provide for differences, we have more another 50,000 so that the than enough to do with integrating existing communities into British society than by adding to that burden or

Leading one of the biggest Conservative revolts since Mrs Margaret Thatcher came to power in 1979, Mr. Tebbit perity in the colony. said he and others were being

to vote against his passe states. saleny's communing success. It for the thist time in 20 years in was it case, he said, "where the Commons and "stand by duty and the national interest

### Britain £1 bn better off

The Chancellor of the Ex-chequer, Mr John Major, yesterday revealed that the Government was £1 billion better off in the last financial year than he thought at the time of the Budget last month. He expected a surplus of about £7 billion for 1989-90, but it turned out to be £8 billion. The surplus, which compares with a figure of £14.5 billion last year, will be used to pay off some of the national

### Agents clamp

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Estate agents who dishonestly give wrong descriptions of properties will be banned from practising under legislation to be introduced by the end of the year\_\_\_\_Page 2

### Children killed

Four boys were killed when police opened fire on a demonstration in a black South African township, and extremist Afrikaners, who admitted the theft of advanced weapons, said these would be used against the African National Congress ....... Page 10

### Mind finalists

The full list of finalists in the individual and schools sections of The Times Tour-nament of the Mind competition appears on ..... Page 18

### Write-off threat

The financial services group British & Commonwealth could be forced to write off another £200 million on Atlantic Computers, its computer leasing subsidiary, in addition to £550 million provisions already made Page 23

### Liverpool back

The way was cleared in Malta for Liverpool to return to European football at the same time as other English clubs are expected to be re-\_Page 44 admitted....

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Mr Tebbre's speech during the second reading debase of the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Bill was cheered by fellow rebels but drew protests

The Conservatives had not letter of the accord under made successive pledges to which Hong Kong will revert tighten immigration be have no use with the concept cause these islands of ours discriminate against the hold-

ers of those passports.

The Hong Kong Chinese knew that and for them the British passport was an in-1997, but to take a new life in giance to our country was a Britain or elsewhere. The sooner passports were issued, the sooner 50,000 heads of family would leave, he said.

in position in Hong Kong? Earlier, Mr David Wad-

dington, the Home Secretary, faced frequent interruptions as he said the Government's proposals were the only effective way of restoring confidence and maintaining pros-Quite apart from what most

Government on the one hand, to maintain the stability of and their party's commitment. Houg Kong up to 1997, to those who elected it on the Britain had an enormous

He said the 50,000 would be a carefully-chosen and highly-qualified group of people, in good jobs, earning good sal-aries and that if they decided to settle in the United Kingdom they would doubtless have a valuable contribution to make. However, that was not the purpose of the Bill, which was designed to per-

naturalization. suade people to remain in Hong Kong. Mr Waddington also annonnced that widows and to others in particular need.

widowers of British citizens who were resident in Hong Kong and of servicemen who defended the colony during the Second World War would craven course."

be allowed to come to Britain. Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary who led the Opposition attack on had taken the only course the Bill, said there was no just open to it. or practical solution in a

### Thatcher blames tube firms over Iraqi gun

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

MRS Margaret Thatcher yes-terday blamed Sheffield licence for the export of Forgemasters and Walter military equipment it would Somers, the companies in-volved in the production of steel tubes for the Irani gun; for failing to apply for export

scheme that offered a special

escape route to a favoured and

During bitter Commons exchanges Mr Neil Kinnock accused her of "devious evasion" while the Opposition continued to demand a fuller government statement than that provided on Wednesday by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and

Mrs Thatcher said that if

Sir Hal Miller, the Conservarive MP who has said he warned the Government two years ago that one company. Walter Somers, was worned that the orders were not what: they seemed to be, said yes-terday that he would be writing to the Prime Minister.

### needs of of all the people which a Labour government es towards democracy progress towards democracy in the colony, democracy so complete and tightly-orsanized that dismantling it in

impossible.
Mr Hattersley asked how a debt of honour to five million people in Hong Kong could be repaid by selecting 50,000 of their number for special treat-ment. If general confidence is increased by this measure, it will be the first time the morale of the other ranks has been improved by the an-nouncement that the officers

are going to retreat first.

Under no circumstances will we introduce a system which requires residents, in theory equal before the law, to compete with each other for a himited number of passports."
The system was arbitrary, divisive and its effect would

**US** seeks

united

stance on

Lithuania

From Anatol Lieven in Vilnius and Our Foreign Staff

AS THE Soviet Union in-

an expected Latvian declara-

While Britain appeared un-

certain about how to react, an

indication of growing tension

footsteps of the mass media"

for "noticeably stepping up a propaganda campaign" and "inadmissible interference" in

It accused the "initiators

President Bush has begun

consulting allied leaders about

appropriate responses to the

Soviet moves against Lithua-

nia. He spoke to President Mitterrand of France yes-

terday and to Herr Helmut

Kohl, the West German Chan-

cellor, on Wednesday, but Mr

Marlin Fitzwater, the White

House spokesman, played down the prospect of joint Nato or Western action.

The US approach is that

when the Norwegian Govern-ment called in Mr Aleksandr

Teterin, the Soviet Ambassador, and delivered a formal

protest at Moscow's actions.

Soviet domestic affairs.

tion of independence.

Labour did not intend "to play the numbers game", but certain groups of people would be offered immediate entry to Britain. "The next Labour Government will pursue the path towards democracy at the speed that was always asked for by the people of Hong Kong and was once offered to the people of Hong. Kong by the Government."
Labour would apply its own policy of nationably and immigration and there were con-

tain categories of Hong Kong residents who would im-mediately qualify for entry into this country.

The non-ethnic Chinese mostly East African Asians who took refuge in Hong.

in 1997, would be allowed in, and time spent by students would make up part of the qualifying period for. Labour would also grant

citizenship to public servants. who had worked abroad in colonial administrations and

and participants in the campaign" of "taking aim at the peaceful revolution unfolding across the Soviet Union". They should understand that "This Bill is intended to disarm the most vocal and influential minority and there-fore make it easier for the Government to follow that Lithuanian leadership cannot be defused in this way".

Mr Edward Heath backed the Government, saying that it

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### Paris-Bonn challenge to Thatcher on EC unity By Philip Jacobson in Paris, and Philip Webster in London working together as the power

Baron Michael de Stempel, found guilty of plotting to steal from Lady Illingworth, leaving court in Birmingham yesterday. Report, page 3

Thatcher, France and West Germany yesterday declared their intention to push for political as well as economic union by January 1, 1993. creased pressure on Lithuania with heavy cuts in gas supplies yesterday, the West co-ordinated its response and Moscow attempted to buy off

For her part, the Prime Minister is now prepared to take Britain into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary-System before the next election, according to

In a joint statement the between Moscow and Wash-ington over Lithuania came in has arrived to transform the whole relationship between member states (of the EC) into a Soviet Foreign Ministry statement which condemned provide the means for taking "individual politicians and public figures following in the the necessary actions."

The uncompromising message, calling for the issue to put on the agenda of the Dublin summit on Saturday week, was sent jointly by President Mitterrand and Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, to Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, in his capacity as EC

"the acute situation caused by extremist elements in the

IN A clear challenge to Mrs her close Cabinet colleagues that after a long period of resistance to entry, she accepts for entry to the exchange rate

mechanism will be met. Entry could come sooner than has so far been assumed because of the way the Goverament decides to compare Britain's inflation rate with that of its European partners when it considers joining. Reducing the level of inflation

French and German leaders to around that of the rest of said: "We think the moment the Community is the key the Community is the key condition for joining. The Government is almost certain to exclude the mortgage rate a European union, and to and the impact of the community charge from the calculation it uses to assess the underlying rate of inflation in

Britain. The timing of the Franco-German declaration for the very day on which M Mitterrand was meeting President Bush in Florida suggests that France took the lead in throwing down the gauntlet to the British Government.

Cabinet sources say the intended to signal that France Prime Minister has convinced and West Germany are back

### **Court fight** on Twyford **Down route**

By Michael McCarthy

THE decision by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, to drive the final section of the M3 through Twyford Down in Hampshire, one of the most heavily protected landscapes in England, is to be challenged in the High Court next week.

Local campaigners are to seek leave for a judicial review of the controversial decision. It involves carving a cutting 400ft wide and 100ft deep, through the downland, which has five separate landscape protection designations.

Members of the Winchester Joint Action Group have been told there are good grounds for believing that Mr Parkinson's granting permission for the motorway to go through the downland, after a 19-year battle, may be flawed in law. It is understood that a key factor may be a confidential Department of Tranport report, commissioned last year, into the possibility that the motorway may need eight lanes instead of the six presently planned, to accomodate future

German neutrality, page 9

houses of the Community. As

the Elysée Palace sees it.

enlisting Herr Kohl's crucial support on an issue over which France has always made the running effectively

repairs any damage their spe-

cial relationship suffered

when the question of a united

Germany's border with Po-

land was causing difficulties.

The content of yesterday's message to Mr Haughey reflects quite strikingly the language that M Mitterrand has been using recently in outlining the language of the message recently in outlining the language.

ing his concept of "the Euro-

pean confederation". It is no

secret that he believes that

swifter integration on all

fronts within the EC is the

only possible response to the

challenge of change in Eastern

In view of Mrs Thatcher's

known antipathy, their joint

appeal for "unity and coher-

ence ... in the economic.

monetary and political do-

main" can only be viewed as a

calculated challenge to

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### US team ready for hostage release

From Martin Fletcher, Washington, and Juan Carlos Gumucio, west Beirut

THE Bush Administration dent Assad of Syria in the made preparations for the resolution of the crisis. imminent release of an Ameriyesterday as US expectations

Washington would rather not see it as "the Lithuanian crisis". Mr James Baker, the The White House said diplomatic communications from Syria had lent credence Secretary of State, has begun a careful programme of prepar-ing American public opinion for a policy of preferring Soviet reform to Baltic to Wednesday's message from the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine that one of three US hostages would be freed within 48 hours. And in Beirut, a source In Oslo, Mrs Kazimiera Prunskiene, the Lithuanian close to the Syrians told The Prime Minister, found the Times that the release could moral support she sought

take place at "any moment". Escorted by Syrian security forces, the released hostage American diplomats in a sym-Company folds, page 2
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American diplomats in a symbolic ceremony aimed at underlining the role of Presi-

A US hostage reception can hostage from Lebanon team has been sent to an American military base at Wiesbaden, West Germany, which has received previous freed US hostages, and Mr Edward Djerijian, US Ambassador to Syria, has returned to Damascus from Bonn.

But prospects for a smooth release have been complicated by the intensification of violence between Amal and Hezbollah, the Shia Muslim allies of Syria and Iran,

Although it was not clear who would be freed, militia would then be driven to sources said they expected to Damascus and handed over to see Mr Robert Polhill, an academic seized in 1987.

Uphill fight, page 10

### Dick Tracy taking on the bats and turtles is producer-director as well as star, have yellow, black and red world of the

TODAY is T-day minus 55 in America. The fedora factories are working overtime, the department stores are readying their boutiques, the market for wrist radios is hotting up and the advertise-

ments are everywhere. Dick Tracy, the film, is on its way. For anyone who who thought Ninja Turtles and Batman provided quite enough marketed mania for this century, this will not be welcome news. By June 15, when the cinema projectors finally flicker into life to reveal Warren Beatty and Madonna as the eponymous comic-strip detective and Breathless Mahoney. his floozy, nary a citizen of the United

States will be left untouched. With the Hollywood financial stakes catapulting into the stratosphere, the Walt Disney company and Bearty, who

thrown their heaviest artillery into a newspaper strip. marketing operation aimed at beating the \$250 million (£153 million) so far earned by Batman.

Disney, which has already spent about \$30 million, hopes the film will be a "tent-pole" - in Hollywood parlance a blockbuster that earns so much it will provide enough money to support a stream of lesser releases.

A decade in the making, Dick Tracy follows the now familiar path of bringing a stylized comic strip hero to the screen, complete with its own ready-made conventions and insider jokes.

Where Batman was staged in half-light and menacing gloom, the gimmick this time hinges on a palette of primary colonis. Everything from costumes to the make-believe Chicago of the late 1930s sticks as closely as possible to the

The experts of Madison Avenue believe that, after the ambiguities of the 1980s, consumers are ripe for the simple moral world inhabited by private eyes, beautiful dames and classic bad guys with names like Itchy and Mumbles and Big Boy (played by Al Pacino).

"There is the notion that decency is becoming more prevalent and that greed isn't cut any more," said Mr Peter Kim, consumer behaviour director for J. Walter Thompson USA.

"It's not fancy and it's not subtle." Beatty, aged 52, concedes in something of an understatement. For him, success will redeem him from the status of ageing Lothario and rescue his career from the near oblivion inflicted three years ago by Ishtar, his last film and one of Hollywood's biggest disasters.



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# Estate agents face ban over dishonest descriptions

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

ESTATE agents who act dishonestly or unethically by wrongly describing properties or failing to disclose personal interests could be banned under measures an-nounced yesterday by Mr Eric Forth, Minister for Consumer Af-

Other practices such as pressuring home buyers into using finan-cial services and falsely claiming higher bids exist for a house will also lead to a ban under new orders within the Estate Agents Act, 1979 which Mr Forth intends to introduce. He said the tougher

penalties against unscrupulous immediate future on an industry-agents should be in place by the end wide code of practice," Mr Forth

The Minister's proposals, announced in the House of Commons, are in line with the recommendations of the Director General of Fair Trading, Sir Gordon Borrie, who reported last month on the estate agency industry after two years of government scrutiny.

Both he and the minister had wanted the industry to agree on a voluntary code of practice, but this had not been achieved. "I have noted with regret the director general's conclusion that there is little prospect of agreement in the wide code of practice," Mr Forth said. "However, I consider that the package of legislation I proposed deals with the main problems. It should deal effectively with the malpractices identified among a minority of estate agents, while not

imposing significant burdens on

The changes to the Estate Agents Act, which can be implemented comparatively duickly, will include the requirement for agents to spell out the terms of their contract with a vendor. Mr Forth also intends to extend the Trade Descriptions Act, 1968, to cover wrong descriptions of property. That needs new legislation, which would be introduced "when time allows".

Both Mr Forth and Sir Gordon rejected a call by estate agents' bodies for the introduction of a test of competence. Mr Forth told a press conference yesterday that he believed the main problem was of ethics and honesty, not competence. "We believe it is uncessary and undesirable to bring in a test of competence because it provides a barrier against entry into the industry and would require some sort of bureaucracy."

Mr Forth said his department continued to receive a steady flow of complaints about estate agents, now running at between five and property boom of two years ago. banned since the introduction of the Estate Agents Act in 1979.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors last night welcomed the announcement. Commenting on the measure which will subject estate agents to the Trade Descriptions Act, it said, "It is ensible that until now this has not been the case."

The institution remained convinced of the need for a statutory code of conduct that would bind all practising agents through licensing and a minimum standard of competence. "A voluntary code of

Warming up for firefighters' games

compassed those fringe operators who are not members of any recognized professional body or

Mr Trevor Kent, president of the National Association of Estate Agents, said: "We are happy with the balance of control of our business and consumer protection and we believe the public will be better protected by these

He emphasized his concern at the absence of a test of competence, which left the 20 per cent of agents who do not belong to the proional bodies able to carry on without qualifications.

# Teachers' strike over jobs could start next week

THE first strikes in schools not exclude the possibility that demand for "school-based over plans to make teachers this summer's GCSE and A strikes" and a national strike dant could begin next week, the leader of Britain's second largest teachers' union

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, gen-eral secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, was speaking after the union's annual conference in Scarborough had voted unanimously to strike if teachers' iobs were threatened.

The delegates, representing 118,000 teachers, did not go as far, however, as the larger National Union of Teachers, whose conference voted earlier in the week to stage national strikes despite warnings from its leaders that such a course would be illegal.

Mr de Gruchy said he could

New attack

by bogus officials

DETECTIVES hunting a cou-ple who pose as health work-

ers then indecently assault

young children have switched

their hunt from Yorkshire to

the South-west after a girl aged

three and a balf and a three-

week-old baby were assaulted

The pair called at a house in

Taunton on Tuesday, finding

the children undressed and ready for bed. They told the

parents to wait in another

room while they carried out a

Earlier in the week, officers

carried out door-to-door in-

quiries after a couple were reported stalking the streets in

The curriculum reforms in

Northern Ireland's schools are

to be delayed until 1992 to

take pressure off teachers. Dr

Brian Mawhinney, the Ulster

education minister, said yes-

terday. It will He did not want

to overburden schools with

Strike ballot

an unacceptable pace of

A further 15,000 power work-

ers yesterday rejected an 8.5

per cent pay offer and sig-

nalled their willingness to

strike. The GMB union de-

cision comes after the electricians' vote in favour of a

strike. The unions' national

officers will consider the ballot

Three police officers - Inspec-

tor Derek Watts, Sergeant

Colin Langstone and Police

Constable Nigel Parlane - are to apply to the High Court to

overturn a magistrates' ruling

that they should face commit-

tal proceedings on charges

connected with the 1987

Wapping industrial dispute.

British Airways has cancelled

seven flights to Paris today

because of a 24-hour air traffic

controllers' strike in France.

Air France is aiming to run

four flights from Heathrow.

but dropped 14 services from

Ministry bomb

A MAN was seriously hurt

yesterday when a mortar

bomb exploded at an histori-

cal arms collection in Notting-

ham. The explosion took place

at the Ministry of Defence's

Pattern Room at the Chilwell

Royal Ordnance Depot. The

collection is centuries old. An

Dane chess lead

Bent Larsen, the Danish grandmaster, is leading the

field after two rounds in the

Watson Farley and Williams

Grandmaster chess tournam-

ent in the City of London. He

survived a fierce attack from

Daniel King, the London

grandmaster, in the all-play-all

grandmaster event.

internal inquiry has begun.

other London airports.

Flights halted

Police action

results today.

"medical examination".

Reforms wait

Pawlett, Somersel.

(Adam Fresco writes).

### this summer's GCSE and A level examinations would be affected in schools where The NAS/UWT estimates that 15,000 of the 400,000

teachers in England and Wales could lose their jobs as gov-emors struggle to balance the books with new school budgets based on pupil numbers.

The Government has insisted that the element in the budget for teachers' salaries must be based on the average in the area rather than on the actual cost to individual

As a result, schools with large numbers of experienced staff at the top of the pay scales will not have enough money to pay them all.

Ministers argue that the process exposes schools to the economic realities of life" but Mr de Gruchy said it was "perverse and doctrinaire". He called on school gov-

ernors to resign rather than being "forced into acting as the Government's hatchet He said the union expected

the first confrontations to be in Nottinghamshire, where 50 schools have announced that they plan to cut 185 jobs.

Mr de Gruchy said that the union would use its £5 million strike fund to support one-day "warning strikes" which could be followed up by all-out stoppages if the NUT and other unions were prepared to

"We will not hesitate to use strike action if the jobs of our members are threatened," he said, "but we have got to think

During an angry debate motion replacing a general call possible, and not just the for action with a specific cheapest."

Mrs Sue Rogers, vice-president, told the conference that the formula for school budgets under the Local Management of Schools scheme was blind and dogmatic. "We have been accused of scare-mongering by the Government, but we have done no more than state the

Wonderland world do we live in when on the one hand we are talking about trying to recruit teachers to deal with a shortage and at the same time we are facing redundancies?

"This is the Victorian madhouse of Thatcherism - a madhouse dominated by one issue, money."

Sixty per cent of schools would lose money under the new formula funding system and parents would soon feel the effects as their children

"I believe parents will stand with us shoulder to shoulder when they see the teachers their children need going out of the system," she said. Mr Colin Lambert, from

Rochdale, said that poll tax capping was making matters even worse in the borough where £4 million would be cut from the education budget. Mr Steve Wilson, a teacher

from Wigan, said that £9.1 million was being cut from its budget because of capping. Mr Ray Batty, from Barns ley, predicted that 400 jobs would go in his area alone as a result of a £2.5 million edu-

cation budget cut forced by Walsall, West Midlands, said: delegates added a strongly "For the sake of our children worded clause to the strike education must be the best "For the sake of our children

Delegates taken ill

ABOUT a hundred delegates to the National Union of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers conference have been affected by an outbreak of food poisoning, prompting the

general secretary, Mr Nigel de Gruchy, to call in environmental

Most of the victims were staying at the four-star Royal Hotel, although delegates staying at other hotels were also taken ill,

All of the union's national executive members and foreign

guests were staying at the Royal, yesterday's conference session

Mr de Gruchy said: "Everyone seems to be going down with

it, but the conference must go on." One union official, however,

argued that the outbreak was having one beneficial effect: "It

certainly seems to have cut the length of some of the speeches."

More nurseries to

get tax exemption

By Lindsay Cook, Family Money Editor

MORE nursery places are to employees. Most are large

and the search for the cause was continuing yesterday.

was marked by frequent exits from the platform.

qualify for exemption from

taxation when employers sub-

sidise them for the children of

employees. The Finance Bill.

published yesterday, extends

the tax concession, which

came into force on April 6, to

places at independent nurs-

eries in certain circumstances.

vides a place at a nursery run

by others, the employee may

escape an extra tax bill if the

employer is involved in the

management of the nursery.

This will mean that the em-

ployee will no longer have to

pay tax on the difference

between the cost to the em-

ployer and that charged to the

An Inland Revenue spokes

man said: "The employer

would have to take responsi-

bility for the workplace nurs-

ery at which it provides places

and should have a member on

the management committee of

the nursery. The care of the

children can be sub-con-

tracted and the premises can

be provided by the nursery or

"It could be freehold, lease

hold or a hall hired on licence.

but it cannot be domestic

The Bill states that where

joint participants are in-

volved, there should be shared

responsibility for manage-

It is estimated by the organi-

zation Working for Childcare

that only 120 employers run

creches, providing about 3,000 places for the children of

another employer.

ment and finance.

premises.

Where an employer pro-

### Governor says Strangeways has accounted for all its prisoners By Ronald Faux

Ten of the London Fire Brigade's fittest men line up in a "practice tower" at headquarters; they were picked to represent the brigade in the first world firefighter games in Auckland, New Zealand, which begin on Sunday

were in Strangeways prison on April 1, when the worst riot in British prison history began, are accounted for, Mr Brendan O'Friel, the prison governor, said yesterday.

He said that not until prison staff had made a careful search of the building would he be able to put his hand on his heart and say "there are no bodies"; but all the evidence uggested that everyone had been accounted for, including the seven men still in the prison building.

Throughout the siege, now in its 20th day, Mr O'Friel has admitted that there might be a body or bodies among the piles of wreckage. Reports from prisoners who

gave themselves up and sources within the emergency services suggested that inmates had been hanged or mutilated during the riot. Now it seems the lurid stories were untrue or mis-

taken in the wild violence of the riot. Only one prisoner



Mr O'Friel: Negotiation and pressure will go on

ALL the 1,648 inmates who remanded for sexual offences, would be able to listen to. The said, as the prisoners would who died in hospital from head injuries.

Mr O'Friel would not comment on how the stories of bodies and executions gained currency. He repeated that the strategy of negotiation and pressure on the remaining inmates would continue.

It had always been clear that the last handful would be more difficult, but there was no reason to change the strategy and tactics.

The governor said that the authorities had received some tape recordings from relatives prisoners still in the jail which he hoped the prisoners Things were not as nice, he capacity of 190.

messages are understood to like to present them. contain appeals to the men to • Overcrowding was give themselves up.

Mr O'Friel said peaceful persuasion would remain the main tactic, but other options had not been ruled out. He believed that the men could be persuaded to come down. The siege, he said, might collapse soon or continue for some

Water would continue to be used against the prisoners. In spite of their acts of bravado. this was unpopular with them and an effective way of reducing their stocks and supplies.

 Overcrowding was blamed last night for a jail breakout which went unnoticed until police started to round up prisoners on the run (Michael Horsnell writes).

Seven men broke out of a workshop at Gloucester prison that had been converted into a temporary dormitory, but only one was still free last night.

An inquiry into the incident was launched by Mr John Aldridge, governor of the prison which now holds 140 more inmates than its official

### Belgian gun link firm closes

From Michael Binyon, Brussels

ation, linked in some reports with the construction of a large gun for Iraq, yesterday said that it was going into liquidation, but denied that it had been involved in any illegal activities.

It said: "The Bull family has decided to cease all SRC operations and dissolve the companies within the SRC group. The Bull family coniests to be or to have been involved in any illegal acts or any traffic of any nature." Mr Michael Bull, son of the

late Gerald Bull, was in Brussels on Wednesday, and denied any former involvement of his father and the Space Research Corporation in construction of the cannon. Liquidation of SRC came national arms and munitions ael Theodolou writes).

THE Space Research Corpor- on the same day as another market, and Astra refused to company, long linked with SRC, struggled to stave off bankruptcy. Poudreries Réunies de Bel-

gique, sold six months ago to the British-based company Astra Pic, employs 1,500 workers in the Liège region, and is among the last remain-ing manufacturers of gunpowder and munitions in The big Belgian holding company Société Générale de

Belgique indicated it might help the company financially. Astra bought PRB for around £1 million, and assumed debts of almost three times as much. The company

support PRB any longer. Mr Chris Gumbley, former head of Astra, was rumoured to have met Gerald Bull a day before he was murdered.

• More than 24 hours after Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, confirmed the Iraqi "oil pipes" were gun compo-nents, the Government had still not expressed its displeasure to Baghdad yesterday (Andrew McEwen writes).

• President Saddam Hussein

of Iraq won more Arab support against his Western critics yesterday when trade union leaders from 20 countries demonstrated outside the lost money last year, in a British and United States general decline in the inter- embassies in Baghdad (Mich-

is jailed

for stealing a pen. "You stole the item from the shop in the context of the violence and considerable disturbance to public order of March 31," Mr Terry Maher, Magistrate at Horselerry Road Court, told Ronald McDowall, a first-time offender. "A deterrent sentence is in my

view essential to deter you and others." McDowall, aged 21, a £9,300 a year secretarial training instructor of Daubeney Road, Clapton, admitted looting the pen, valued at £165.

from a store in Regent Street Earlier, the magistrate imposed a fine of £100 on Robert Hislop, a jobless computer operator, aged 22 of Roll Street, Deptford, who admir. ted dishonestly handling a £10 bottle of after-shave

Mrs Olive O'Brien, a housewife, aged 57, of Burnel Avenue, Welling Kent was fined £15 after admining smashing a Ministry of Defence window in Whitehali.

Duncan Harbour, a history student aged 19, of Filtra: Street, London, was fined 52 for highway obstruction. Eleven other men arrested during the disturbances were remanded on bail.

### Man shot by soldiers was 'on active service' of two young sons, died at about two sawn-off shotguns which had

By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

companies such as Midland

Midland Bank plans to have

300 in operation within four

years. The bank's creches,

which typically charge em-ployees about half the £70 to

£80 a week a place costs,

qualify for the tax exemption.

provided at nurseries by

But many of those places

smaller companies would

have fallen outside the exemp-

tion announced in the Budget.

The extension means that

employers will have to play an

active role in the management

of a nursery, but it will open

the way to many more nurs-

eries being set up in the

coming months.

Bank and Sainsbury.

A man shot dead by soldiers near Armagh on Wednesday night was "on active service", a Republican paramilitary organization said yesterday.

In a telephone call to the BBC in Belfast, the Irish People's Liberation Organization, a tiny but fanatical Republican splinter group, said that Martin Corrigan, aged 26, was a member of the organization.

The IPLO was banned by Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, at the end of last month after it emerged from nearly 12 months of inactivity to murder a Belfast Protestant, apparently in retaliation for a series of "Loyalist" killings in the city. Corrigan, a father

10pm on Wednesday after being spotted by members of an Army foot patrol with a number of armed and masked men in the grounds of the bome of a part-time police reservist in the Kinnego district outside Armagh.

Police said that the soldiers opened fire, killing Corrigan who, according to reports, was hit in the back. Police said the patrol was part of routine security and had not been involved in a planned ambush.

A big security operation continued yesterday throughout the rural Listasley Road area of Kinnego as police announced that they had arrested a man who was being questioned in connection with the incident. Police also put on display been found loaded at the scene.

Corrigan, who lived in Railway Street, Armagh, is the 21st person to die in the troubles this year. His father, Peter Corrigan, was shot dead by "Loyalist" gunmen in the town in

Martin Corrigan's involvement in what appears to have been an attempt to kill the police reservist comes after two IRA killings of policemen in the Armagh area this year.

The two killings led to a review of security for police living around Armagh and there was speculation that the Army's intervention on Wednesday night may have been the first fruits of intensified patrolling. The African National Congress last

night challenged a Conservative MP to repeat outside the Commons an allegation that two of its members had met a leader of the Provisional IRA (Richard Ford writes).

The ANC denied the claim made during Prime Minister's questions and strongly attacked Mr Andrew Hunter for making it.

The ANC said that Mr Hunter, MP for Basingstoke, should make the claim without the protection of parliamentary privilege so it could have recourse against his deliberate misinformation.

Mr Hunter had asked Mrs Thatcher to investigate reports emerging in Northern Ireland that two ANC members were in Downpatrick, Co Down, on April 4.

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### closure signals end of era By Tim Jones Employment Affairs Correspondent MORE than 600 miners in the South Wales coalfield learned yesterday they had lost the battle to save their pit and accused British Coal of betray

Colliery

ing their community. Angry miners considered the closure of Blaenant co.liery, near Neath, as virtual the end of an industry in the area which had once fuciled the British Empire.

The closure of the collier. which has lost more than £5m in the past 12 months, signal, the end of an era for 3 community that spearheaded an industrial revolution based on the premise that coal was

Now, there are only 3,100 miners working five pils in South Wales, while Japanese companies, now established in the area, employ more than 7,000 workers in electron: assembly jobs.

Japanese is being taught in Welsh schools and mines have been turned into museums as, in the words of the Welsh comedian Max Boyce, the pit-head baths are supermarkets now".

Once, the region, a spawn-ing ground of deep rooted socialism, had more than 250,000 miners. Before the end of the year-long miners' strike, in 1985, 22,000 men were still employed in 28 collieries in South Wales.

Yesterday, Mr Terence Wheatley, British Coal's South Wales group director, said the decision to close the pit was no reflection on the miners who had worked hard. Worsening geology, he said, had led to the losses. "Output at Blaenant has

fallen to well below half its required level because of the geology and has no prospect of consistently matching its break-even targets of 15,000 onnes a week", he said.

Paying tribute to the miners who had tried to save the pit, a mainstay of the local economy, Mr Wheatley added: These circumstances can only be regretted at a collier where team effort has been frequently unsparing, but they give no hope for recovery.

Mr Phil Bowen, the National Union of Mineworkers' lodge secretary at Blaenant, who has worked for 25 years at the pit, said: "The men are gutted and have no faith in British Coal to do a proper iob. There are many years of valuable coal reserves but the board is just not interested in exploiting them for the na-

Mr Donald Coleman, the local Labour MP, accused British Coal of persuing a policy of closing deep mines without regard to the social consequences. "They have be-

trayed the people," he said. Although there will be no compulsory redundancies when the pit closes, most of the men are expected to opt for British Coal's improved redundancy terms that offer lump sums of up to £37,000 for long serving miners.

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A spokesman for Neath Borough Council said the closure was a "bitter blow" and justified the wisdom of the its decision to develop a

business park.
Mr Cledwyn James, the chairman of Neath's industry and development committee said: "It is indeed a bitter pill to swallow and will have a marked effect on the community."

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# London riot looter

A LOOTER arrested during last month's poll tax riots was iziled for 14 days yesterday -

# Baron is guilty of plot to strip old woman of wealth

BARON Michael de Stempel was found guilty last night of conspiring to steal from Lady Illingworth, widow of Baron for the Baron, had told the Illingworth, the widow of a Illingworth of Denton, Post-jury during the trial. "You former Conservative Post- master General between 1916master General who was 21, was systematically robbed of £500,000 and died stripped of her wealth. penniless in a council old

Birmingham Crown Court Baroness de Stempel at her 3has been told that the Baron's former wife, Susan, aged 55, has admitted five charges of stealing from Lady illingworth, her aunt, and two of than 67 documents were Oxford degree.

verdicts on charges of conspir-acy to steal from Lady Illingworth against Marcus and Sophie Wilberforce, the Baroness's children from a previous marriage.

The jury had already spent one night in a hotel considering its verdict and will return to court this morning

Baron de Stempel, aged 60, financial adviser from Crossfield Road, Hampstead, central London, who holds a Russian title, flinched as the jury returned its verdict. He had denied the charge of

conspiring to steal property from Lady Illingworth between January 1984 and 1986. He was allowed bail overnight, and as he left court he said: "I have nothing to say except that I am completely



" Andre

London riot loote is jailed

It happened after she left monumental snob and that he

her London home to stay with bedroomed country cottage in "The court heard that the Docklew, Hereford and Wor-

forged to give the Baroness access to Lady Illingworth's bank accounts, her shares, silver, jewellery and furniture worth £500,000 the nineweek trial was told.

A new will was forged in her name, leaving the bulk of her estimated £1 million estate to her niece - like her, a direct decendant of William Wilberforce, the anti-slavery

The prosecution said that the Baron, who holds a Russian title, had been in-strumental in organizing a solicitor prepared to sign Lady Illingworth's will and the removal of the old lady's prop-city from bank vanits and her flat at York House, Kensing ton Church Street, London. The court was told that he

worked "hand-in-glove" with the Baroness and was estimated to have received £40,000 of Lady Illingworth's money "for his trouble".

The court was told that after being stripped of her property ind money, Lady Illingworth was druped into a Hereford hospital before being trans-ferred to a council-run old ple's home where she died in 1986, aged 86.

Between 1931 and 1967, Lady Illingworth had lived at 44 Grosvenor Square in London's Mayfair, a 42-room

When her husband died in 1942 he left her shares in trust which by the time of her death were worth more than £1 million and gave her an

ithin the new service."

during the 9-week trial that the annual income of £50,000. senile and confused Lady. Mr Richard du Cann, QC,

> "You may also think he is a comes out of this case with his reputation in shreds."

Baron had a habit of lying since childhood and had lied The jury was told that more to the police that he had an But Mr do Cann said that he

had become involved with the ning and deviousness he could not match. The couple married in 1984

had been blackmailed into the marriage by a threat from her that she would report him to social workers for being a bad father to one of his children

# Cleric goes to the dogs for television charity



The Rev Eric Evans, the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, joining canine friends for a 10-minute sit-in yesterday in aid of ITV's charity telethon

### Leonard Cheshire banks on Berlin to boost disaster fund

From Mark Souster, Berlin

DURING the Second World creative force, Roger Waters. War Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, Britain's most The ultimate aim of the fund, which Group Captain Cheshire set up 18 months ago, distressed as he was by the decorated wartime bomber pilot, flew five sorties over Berlin, helping to destroy it. Yesterday he returned to the scale of disaster and tragedy worldwide, is to raise £500 city, now a symbol of hope for million - £5 for each of the estimated 100 million lives lost in two world wars and in subsequent conflicts. Its theme is, "For every life lost, a He was there at the amnouncement of the biggest and most ambitious rock con-

life saved." cert to be staged at the Berlin The income from the fund will be used for disaster relief

Wall - the inaugural event to raise funds for his new international charity, the Me-morial Fund for Disaster Relief. The concert will be a performance of The Wall, the on July 21 will have an audience of 200,000 people in concept album by Pink Floyd, and is the brainchild of the Berlin's Potzdamer Platz the no-man's land that has group's main inspiration and divided East and West Berlin

since 1961. It will be performed in the shadows of the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag close to Check-point Charlie. Live television coverage is expected to boost the audience to one billion.

The immense cost of performing The Wall will be offset by the money already raised from the sale of television rights to 12 countries. The stage for the largest

outdoor set ever to be constructed will be 150m wide and 15m high. The wall behind, a symbol of repression during the two and a half hour performance, only to be blown up at the finale to mark the new dawn of improved East-

### victim still had ticket

ONE of the victims of the Hillsborough disaster was found with a complete ticket for the match although it should have been collected at the turnstile, an inquest into the tragedy's deaths heard yesterday (Lin Jenkins writes).

Mr Christopher Edwards aged 29, a steelworker of Little have handed in the ticket as he entered the ground but, according to police evidence, there was chaos at the time.

Before evidence of a number of deaths was heard ves terday, the inquest jury of five men and four women visited the scene of the tragedy when 95 people died during the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest on April 15 last year.

### Soccer crush | Cheque fraud wife had Porsche to collect dole

supermarkets out of thousands of pounds with a cheque fraud drove to collect the dole in a new Porsche.

She was jailed for nine months yesterday.

At Winchester Crown Court yesterday, Sharon Dean, aged 30, of Halyard Reach, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex, and two men admitted conspiracy to obtain property by

Mr Stephen Parish, for the osecution, said that Dean and the men would drive from Essex to Hampshire in the

markets, which were ideal targets for the racket," he said. It was easy to cash cheques, and each time they would

two years the three netted £114,000, and all the time Dean was signing on.

Dean also admitted dishonestly obtaining money from a loan company to buy the Porsche and a Vauxhall Astra, plus £54,250 to buy a

The two men were Joseph Fonseca, aged 42, of Long-wood Gardens, Ilford, Essex, and Edward Barteluk, aged 31, of Eisenhower Drive, Becton, east London.

Mr Oliver Blunt, for Mrs Dean, said she was desperate to get her husband out of the family home. For that purpose she bought a second home with the illegal mortgage for him to live in.

Bateluk was jailed for one year and Fonseca for two and

### Fire chiefs look for ambulance service takeover

RADICAL proposals for the secretary of the association, future of the fire service, said: "We are trying to serve local emergency ambulance networks, were outlined yes-

criticized immediately by fire and ambulance workers, also for employees and the phasing out of restrictive practices.

Under the integration scheme, paramedics and their ambulances would be absorbed into the fire service and could expect to receive comparable pay and con-ditions. The bulk of routine ambulance work would be

The National Union of Nupe's health service spokes-Public Employees (Nupe), the union of most ambulance workers, said any merger of the two services would bring "considerable confusion" while the Fire Brigades Union said fire fighters would never

give up their right to strike. The report, "Managing For Tomorrow's Needs", will be presented to a summer conference of the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers'

Mr Robin Currie, technical still induce a walk-out.

# birds' nests

vesterday of destroying a col-ony of birds' nests at a sand quarry in Berkshire.

gravel company owning the pit, broke the Wildlife and Mr Brian Fuller, last year's Countryside Act by digging up

Mr Gerry Clarkson, presioptimistic of success. "It does em a nonsense to have two different 999 controls operating side by side. The argu-However, Mr Roger Poole, denied the charges:

Mr Andy Jones, investiga n, said: "This is a crackpot tions officer for the Royal idea that went out with the Society for the Protection of are on an empire-building ex-ercise. Highly trained fire-fighters and ambulance crews Birds, who launched the prosecution, said: "It's a great work well as a team. Merging the services would be the first step on the ladder to watering Britain's wildlife and perhaps and ensure their employees put wildlife creatures before

their company's profits." Brigades Union said that, while a pay strike was unlikely because of a generous pay formula, other matters might

### Quarrymen fined over

Magistrates at Bracknell de-cided that the men, employed

fined £50 for destroying the destroying the birds' eggs. He had to pay £100 costs.

was found guilty of the same offences and fined a total of £200 with £100 costs. Similar repate were dismissed. Both men and the company had

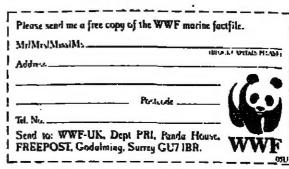
McMahon, of Grove, Ox-fordshire, said that he was only acting under orders when

The seas around Britain are under threat. A lethal combination of pollution and over-fishing is turning the North Sea into another Dead Sea.

There have already been alarming drops in the numbers of seals and porpoises and sea birds are failing to breed for want of food. Developments planned on oper half of Britain's estuaries will only add to the death toll. Governments are beginning to take action, but too slowly.

WWF is the only environmental group carrying out practical conservation work in all the countries bordering the North Sea. And we are urging all European governments to act in a united way to save the North Sea before it's too late.

If you feel as strongly as we do, send for a free copy of our marine factfile.



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### Prince urges more businesses to invest in the inner cities

investment in Britain's inner unions and government reprecities, telling the business community that it would be positively reckless" to ignore.

In the foreword to a report go on the economic regeneration of inner cities, he said local communities needed to be nurtured and equipped with the best education and train-

The Prince said: "Sharecreating a culture which is supportive of business.

"It is not only plain bad business but positively reckless to walk away from the needs of the inner cities, from the older industrial towns, from the challenge of investing in British enterprise and in to drive our economy in

The report, Leodership in for Business Involvement in cline". the 1990s, was prepared by the influentias forum group, Busi-.. leadership should instead seek

partnership between key business leaders, central and local government and voluntary public bodies and called for more Business Leadership Teams (BLTs) formed under this partnership to guide local

The report said: "Economic. survival and prosperity of could destroy Britain in the 1990s and the Isles of Scilly.

"For that prosperity to be achieved the foundations for. by taking it back from an change must be laid now. They must be laid fast And they must be laid deep."

Based on the findings of 15 since 1986, it said that lack of business confidence has wasted inner city resources and

THE Prince of Wales yes supported by the Confedera and spread motivation terday stepped up his calls for thou of British Industry, trade through local "flagship" projects. To tap younger workforce potential there It emphasized the need for should also be greater cooperation with the Governpleted at the end of this year.

The report told the business community not to "stand back and wait for others to act". The Prince of Wales was at regeneration of our cities is the centre of a dispute yesholders' interests are best not a choice; it is an absolute terday about a new aircraft served in the long-term by necessity for the economic runway that it is claimed

He must decide whether to

The island council voted in favour of a new £1.5 million the skills of the people needed BLTs set up across the UK hard surface runway on St Mary's where the Prince has a

Leadership in the Comi - A Blueprint for Business Involvement in the 1990s (published by Business in the Cities, sponsored by Coopers

# 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CHARGE

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- 1 Your local council sets your Community Charge, not the Government.
- 2 Just over a quarter of the cost of local council services is paid for by the Community Charge. The rest, nearly three quarters, is paid for by business and the tax-payer.
- Rearly half the cost of local services is paid from tax payers' money. So top rate tax payers pay much more than people with low incomes. In fact the 'rich' pay at least 10 times more toward the cost of local services than the 'poor'.
- People on low incomes, students and many old age pensioners are entitled to a reduction often as high as 80%. This means that one in four local voters don't pay the full Charge 10 million people will benefit.
- 5 If your Community Charge is more than £156 higher than last year's rates bill, the Government will pay the difference up to the Charge it estimated for your local council based on their previous spending. Check your bill over 7 million people will benefit.
- 6
  The Government are capping the 21 worst overspending councils (all Labour) to reduce the Charge and protect local people.
- Labour are actively seeking to make your Community Charge as high as they can get away with. On the list of the 50 worst overspenders, you will find Labour and SLD councils but no Conservatives.
- Labour have set the highest Community Charges in Britain. 30 of their MPs want to pass their bills on to others by not paying them. Labour dare not tell you their alternative to the Community Charge.
- **9** On average Conservative councils are charging you £89 for every £100 that Labour councils are charging. In London and the Metropolitan Districts on average Conservative councils are charging you £74 for every £100 that Labour councils are charging.
- 10 Labour councils cost you more. Conservative councils cost you less.



# **Breast test** drive 'does more harm than good'

duced national breast cancer ment determination to ram screening programme, aimed through the NHS breast at reducing the annual toll of screening programme by 1990 about 15,000 deaths from the without the back-up of adedisease, is endangering the quate diagnostic expertise lives of many of the women it could mean that many women is meant to protect, according to an expert report published yesterday.

Professor Michael Baum, an eminent breast cancer surgeon, said in the report that implementation of the programme should be slowed down because it was doing more harm than good in some

It was "flooding clinics with frightened women" and could lead to some of them undergoing unnecessary master-tomies and other surgical procedures on the basis of mistaken diagnoses, he said

It was already putting such pressure on screening services that patients most in need of urgent clinical attention were

having to wait longer.

Professor Baum, professor of surgery at the Royal Marsden Hospital in west London, is author of a critical foreword in the report, produced by the Greater London Association of Community Health Councils, on breast cancer diagnostic services.

### Scrutiny is urged over transplants

By Kerry Gill

TRANSPLANT surgery, including the use of animal organs, is morally acceptable, but there must be continued moral scrutiny and public debate on the issue of brain death diagnosis, according to a sport published today by the Social Responsibility Board of the Church of Scotland.

Its transplants study group says there must be continued monitoring on whether par-ents should make decisions on the use of foetal material in research and surgery.

Christians should consider carrying transplant donor cards, but anonymity should be maintained for organ donors, says the report to be offered to the church's general assembly next month. The is one of the most remarkable and hopeful advances in modem medical care".

The ethical issues over the use of foctal tissue must however be closely examined who, for instance, should give consent for its use as a result of a mother's decision to terminate a pregnancy?

BRITAIN'S recently-intro- The report says that "govern-

undergo unnecessary surgery.
"It will certainly mean that many more women suffer from fear of breast cancer unnecessarily."

The programme is intended to detect early signs of the disease in women aged be-tween 50 and 64 by encourag-ing them to attend clinics where their breasts are X-rayed and examined.

The report says that many younger women, for whom the process is prohably useless, are being referred by their general practitioners for screening because of public misconceptions about it.

The result is that many breast clinics cannot cope with the extra demand, made worse by cuts in hospital beds and services because of economies imposed by bud-get-conscious health authori-

Professor Baum said: "We are suffering the most outraseous cuts in services. I am coming to the firm opinion

that as long as this crisis exists in the NHS, we ought to question the wisdom of offering a screening programme."

He said that two years ago, before the programme started, the waiting time for an output of the said that the started of the said that the started of the said that the started output of the said that the said the said the said the said that the said patient appointment at his breast clinic in London was one week for urgent cases, and two to three weeks for non-

Today, even with an extra clinic and the recruitment of chinical research fellows to help out, there is a three-tosix-week want for urgent cases, and up to three months for routine cases."

That was clearly an ex-pression of the "anxiety neurosis" generated by height-ened public awareness of the

Professor Baum said there was an urgent need for an education campaign directed at both GPs and the public,

The GPs had to learn to distinguish signs and symp-toms in women patients "and learn to recognize when the problem is really in the brain rather than in the breast," he said in the report.

cated to understand that screening under the age of 50 is of no proven benefit. Women over the age of 50

should not be clamouring for an early screen and might be better off waiting for their turn to come, by which time the health professionals will be adequately trained."



THE view over Mr Etic head of the Upper Farndale valley in the North York Moors National Park has changed little since his grandfather began working the same fields more than a century ago.

Now, in a pioneering scheme that may set the pattern for other national parks, Mr Featherstone and nine other farmers in Farnance dale, an area of dramatic beauty known as the "Valley of the Daffodils" because of the brilliant yellow flowers that carpet many of the fields, are to be paid to conserve and improve the countryside.

"Under an experimental pro-gramms launched by the North York Moors National Park they will be paid up to Park they will be paid up to £5,000 a year for undertaking such work as repairing drystone walls, planting haw-thorn hedges, mending farm buildings in traditional materials, creating hay meadows and encouraging wildlife.

It is the first scheme of its kind to be introduced in kind to be introduced in

Mr Peter Barfoot, the farm conservation officer for the park, which covers 552 square miles and attracts some 11 million visitors a year, said: "Agricultural support has al-ways been tuned purely to



production, and it has not by Mr David Curry, the Parli- farmers in two ways: annual this year with a doubling of half their working life on the

always been to the good of the landscape or wildlife. The philosophy is that farmers should get some type of financial support for producing the kind of countryside and landscape people want to see."

The scheme, which is to be formally launched on Monday

and the farmer, drawn up under Section 39 of the 1981

Wildlife and Countryside Act. Wildlife and Countryside Act. The National Park has bud- The scheme is open to Funds will be provided to geted £50,000 for the scheme farmers who spend at least

amentary Secretary at the payments for maintaining feaministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, is based on a five-year agreement between the National Park Authority and grants for improvement the National Park Authority and grants for improvement the five-year agreement depend on the five-year agreement money to expand it to all 850 works, such as walling and tree eligible farms within the park.

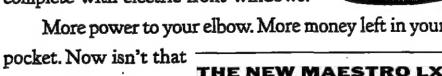
interest at Government and European levels. It could have The scheme is open to a far reaching effect well into

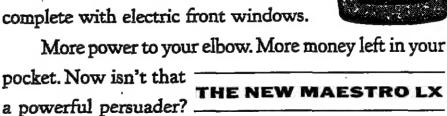
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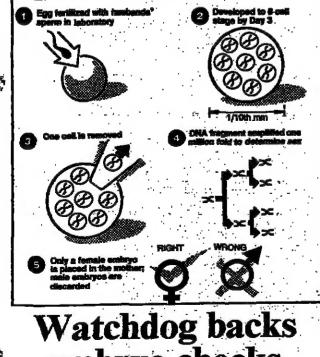
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# embryo checks

THE ability of scientists to circumstances would it be prevent gender-linked inher-ited diseases by determining the sex of a human embryo before pregnancy was welcomed yesterday by the watchdog group that monitors such

Professor Robert Winston and colleagues at Hammersmith Hospital, west London, have achieved healthy pregnancies in three women with a family history of incurable Human Fertilization and Embereditary disorders.

The women will all have baby girls as a result of an advanced in vitro fertilization technique that screened out male embryos at risk of the disorders. Dame Mary Donsaid yesterday that the Hammersmith work had been closely observed by the authority, which was satisfied

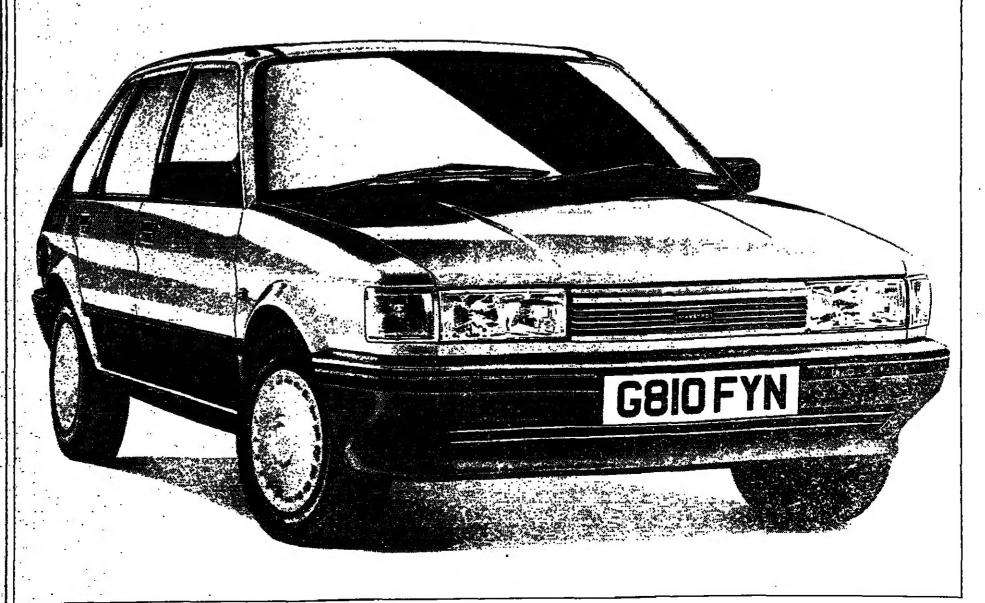
that it was safe and effective. As a counter to potential Professor Winston that "in no untold, benefits."

used for social reasons." Diagnosis by means of identifying the gender of the embryos would be an interim measure until it was possible for scientists to detect the specific disease, she said. The technique could in-

fluence MPs who next week will be given a free vote on whether to ban embryo research when they debate the bryo Bill Yesterday Mr Peter Thurnham, Conservative MP for Bolton North East, and his wife Sarah, published Hope For A Family, a bookiet supporting the technique.

Mr Thurnham said: "For aldson, chairman of the In- couples who know they are at terim Licensing Authority, risk of producing a child with severe hereditary disease, planning a family at present means fear and often tragedy.

"These families could in future be offered the chance of in vitro fernization and rapid ethical objections to the tech- diagnosis. A ban on embryo rique, she said the authority research could close the door assurances from on many possible, and as yet



# Councils unite to challenge capping

COUNCILS that have been that poll tax capping was a community charge capped by political fix." the Government joined yesthe Secretary of State for the

The challenge, based on the argument that the criteria used to choose which councils were capped was unlawful, if successful would result in the capping system being declared

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on the environment, welcomed the challenge and said it would prove "the final come-uppance" for the poll tax. "Everyone knows

### Porter puts case for a minister of London

create a new minister for London responsible for serious problems such as crime, traffic, transport and litter, Lady Porter, leader of Westminster City Council, said yesterday (Ray Clancy writes).

She said that the city was in danger of degenerating into squalor and faced tremendous competition from other cities with the creation of the single European market in 1992.

Launching a campaign to set up the new ministry she said it should not be a new style Greater London Council. which was disbanded in 1986. but an office attached to the Cabinet with a wide range of powers to co-ordinate the city's adminstration.

Key roles for the minister would include creating a partnership with business and voluntary agencies throughout the city, co-ordinating the supply of services from central overnment and making London's need« known.

Lady Porter said a minister was needed because the High Court that Mr Patten did administration of London was scattered among 32 boroughs; unlike other cities "it is a national and international centre that attracts the attenway that no other British city can or does."

"The city is developing an unenviable reputation as among the most squalid places in Europe and might follow the example of New York and become dominated by Third World cultures and underclasses, qualified only by a smattering of yuppies, dinkies and visiting businessmen corralled in conference centres."

Leading aricle, page 13 | watertight."

terday to mount a legal chall- day most of the 21 capped enge against Mr Chris Patten, authorities will add their names to an application to has been lodged by the

the action later.

"We believe we have a very powerful case," Mr Roger group on Avon County Coun-

Miss Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington council in north London and chairman of the Association of London Authorities, which represents nine of the 21 councils, said it was only right that they should share costs by mounting an

A timetable will be agreed on Monday. "We will deter-mine which authorities are most appropriate to further the principal arguments and which authorities have the best cases in terms of their specific situations to ensure success against the Secretary of State," Miss Hodge said.

"This action is going to be difficult but we feel that on the grounds of legality, the way in which Mr Patten sought to define which authorities were to be capped, we have got to put our case. We think the way the capped authorities were selected was unfair, arbitrary

Although each authority has different position, the legal challenge will centre on the main issues of unfairness and legality yet allow specific issues to be brought out if DECESSARY.

councils for capping.

Mr Patten has already said he is confident the capping will stand up in court and has pointed out that all legal challenges to rate capping in the past had failed. The Department of the Environment said last night capping would not have gone ahead unless the Government believed it was "legally

In the High Court on Tues-

seek a judicial review which London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. The leaders of the councils,

who meet on Monday to finalize the legal details of the challenge, are confident of success but said the action is likely to be long and difficult. Only authorities whose case stands a good chance of success will be in court on Tuesday but others can join

Berry, leader of the Labour cil which has no overall political control, said.

"umbreila action."

and politically motivated."

Counsel representing the authorities will argue in the not use his discrection fairly, that by using the standard method of capping he acted outside the Local Governthat he used political considerations in singling out non-Conservative controlled





Members of the Green Party, carrying a spanner to put in the works of the community charge, parading outside the Houses of Parliament yesterday against the poll tax. The spanner wielder, Mr David Fitzpatrick, aged 36, a computer lecturer and local election candidate in Hackney, east London, said: "We are not saying people should not pay. But we are the only party that will support people who do not pay."

### Conservatives count on advertising blitz

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

asserted at a Westminster press conference: "The community charge is a winner."

Today's national newspapers carry avertisements "Ten things you should know about the Community Charge", emphasizing the number of community charge payers who are given help with payments.

One in four local voters. more than 10 million people, including pensioners, students and those on low incomes, will pay less than the full charge, at a cost of some £2.5 billion to the Treasury. Some seven million people will benefit. The advertisements also re-vative councils are charging. Party for launching a gim-given to local authorities in from the fact that, as the mind voters that the Govern-you £89 for every £100 that micky campaign of lies about revenue support.

THE Conservative Party yes-terday launched a belated Community Charge is more advertising blitz designed to make the case for the commu-year's rates bill, the Govern-In spite of the evidence of opinion polls, Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government and Inner California years rates bill, the Government will pay the difference up to the Charge it estimated for your local council based on their previous spending?

a result of fears of fall-out in local government elections, emphasize that it is councils not the Government, which fix the level of the community charge and point out that the comunity charge finances just over 25 per cent of local government expenditure.

Meeting the accusation that the charge does not reflect the ability to pay, the Conserva-tives point out that nearly half the cost of local services is met from taxpayers' money, adding: "The rich pay at least 10 times more towards the cost of local services than the poor."

controlled councils was £74. LOCAL

GOVERNMENT **ELECTIONS** 

ment is capping the community charges proposed by the 21 worst overspending councils, although they are inaccurate in saying that all 21 are Labour-controlled. They say that there are only Labour and Liberal Democrat councils on a list of the 50 worst over-

The Conservative theme in the local government election myth that everybody had to campaign is "Conservative pay the same for local services campaign is "Conservative councils cost you less". To that end, the advertisements say that "on average, Conser-

ing". In London and the being "cynical and dishonest" Metropolitan districts the in refusing to spell out its comparative figure for Tory-

Mr Hunt said: "How can rate for everybody when more than a quarter of the people pay less?" Opinion polling showed that people approved of the principle of the tax, it was the level of taxation to which they objected.

agreed that the community charge was the central issue in the local government elections campaign. It was the bench-mark by which good local government could be judged.

He declared that it was a and that the less well off had to pay high charges.

alternative before the local elections, saying that Labour's campaigners knew the cost of any charge be described as flat their proposals but dared not reveal them.

> Mr Baker insisted that Labour had made a "strategic error of a major sort" in attacking the Government's integrity.

Other things could be said Mr Kenneth Baker, the about the Conservative Gov-Conservative party chairman, ernment, he said, without specifying what these things were, but it could not be accused of lacking integrity. It was made clear at yes-

terday's press conference that the Government is not considering a reversion to a system of income-banding for poll-tax payers. Revisions to the system would be confined to obvious anomalies and to the He attacked the Labour amount of central funding

### **Protesters** occupy Glasgow

ANTI-POLL tax demonstrators were last night preparing to occupy a sheriff officers premises in Glasgow for the second night running in a protest over forthcoming action against people who have

not paid their bills. About 30 demonstrators have refused to budge since entering the building in the city centre on Wednesday. Yesterday they said they would remain until a promise was given that the sheriff officers would announce dates on which they were due to visit homes to assess goods liable to forfeiture against

Mr Jack Harvie, of the Scottish Anti-Poll Tax Federation, claimed they had been given similar information by other sheriff officers' firms in the area. "We want an assurance that they will not go to the homes of working people without first giving them notice," he said.

The protest took place as Strathclyde Regional Council disclosed that the number of people who have not paid their bills or are seriously in arrears stands at about 400,000. Around £100 million is still owed to the region.

The council believes that much of this will be recouped, but a planned debt write-off of about 5 per cent of the total poli-tax revenue looks as though it will be exceeded.

The occupation at the of-fices of George Walker and Company was continued in a relaxed atmosphere with the demonstrators occasionally breaking out in song and chanting slogans from the windows.

A spokesman for Strath-clyde Police said they were keeping an eye on the incident, but no offence had taken place and they had not planned to take any action meantime.

Mr Tommy Sheridan, chairman of the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation, said they wanted at least four days notification before office." went to a debtor's home. "It is only human to give people a bit of notice that you intend to come and visit them." he said.

### Video to help council staff deal with poll tax abuse

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

A TRAINING video to teach local authority workers how to cope with conflict in poll tax offices is being made because most councils fear their staff will encounter verbal or violent attacks from the public.

Petrol has already been poured over one council employee by a man holding a packet of matches, and at least two councils - one in Lothian and one in Kent - have arranged self-defence courses for

The £850 video package is being produced by Crown Communications with the help of a psychological training consultant and will be available throughout England and Wales by the end of next month. A huge majority of councils are worried that staff could be subjected

to abuse or violence from residents, according to a survey carried out by

Seventy local authorities, Conservative and Labour controlled, were questioned, and 75 per cent feared verbal abuse: 36 per cent physical violence; 45 per cent rude gestures or aggressive gesticulation; 15 per cent thought there would be disruption in waiting rooms and 5 per cent thought there was a possibility of big protests in poll tax offices.

Many poll tax payers, especially those eligible for reductions, will so to council offices each month to make payments and council leaders fear this is when there will be

The 25-minute video tape, which will cost £50,000 to produce, will be combined with a printed training

defuse every possible confrontation.

Video sequences will include a couple threatening to abandon their children in the poll tax office and a man unable to pay the charge sparking a mass protest

In another scene, a pensioner blames the council clerk personally for the poll tax and attempts to

One sequence will have five young men from different backgrounds, none of whom paid rates, egging each other on before starting banging the glass panels in the poll tax office booths and causing

disruption. Julia Seward, producer of the video, said yesterday: "Our re-searchers came up with interesting,

manual which shows staff how to if not rather frightening statistics and cases which have already taken place around the country. From what we have learnt, community charge officers will clearly face problems with some members of the

> "I've deliberately cast unknown actors and actresses to ensure all the sequences are highly credible."

> The video, called Well Then Who Is In Charge Here?, will be offered to all councils. Several have already expressed an interest, according to Crown.

> "If 10 per cent buy the package, it will be commerically viable," the company said last night.

• The biggest parliamentary seat in England should be split into two constituencies, the Boundary ComMilton Keynes seat in Buckinghamshire should be divided into North East Milton Keynes and Milton Keynes South West.

The existing seat, formed in 1983, has an electorate of more than constituencies, which have between

60,000 and 65,000 voters. The seat is held by the Conservative Mr William Benyon, who had a 13,701 majority over the Alliance in a four-cornered contest at the last election.

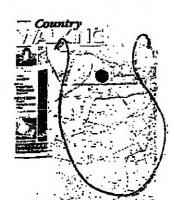
The commission's recommendation to Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary is for two constituencies with roughly equal numbers of voters. The Home Office said it was likely the recommendation would be accepted in time for the



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### Statue of **Olivier** unveiled

sword aloft in his role as Henry V, was unveiled in Strat-

ford-upon-Avon yesterday. The bronze by John Blake ley, who designed an ornate silver oyster for the Queen's 25th jubilee, was commissioned two years before Lord Olivier's death last year.

### Police accused Four former members of the

disbanded West Midlands Serious Crime Squad were remanded on bail until May 4 yesterday, accused of perjury and attempting to pervert the course of justice.

### £8m arrears

More than 16,500 of the 90.000 council house tenants in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, owe £8,373,354 in rent arrears - £1 million more than the council's target figure. Nearly 0.000 tenants have already left their homes owing more than

### Bunkered

A herd of cows caused more than £25,000 damage to a new golf course at Pencoed, near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan.

### Death charge Mr Roy Lambert, aged 41, a

hotelier of Uffculme, Devon, was accused yesterday of drink driving and causing death by reckless driving. Rottweiler theft A Rottweiler, sentenced to

death by Ilminster, Somerset,

magistrates for killing another

dog and mauling a girl, has

been stolen from its locked

### New Ombudsman pledges to speed up case investigations

THE new Parliamentary Ombudsman published his first complete investigations had three years.

Mr William Reid took office as Parliamentary Com-missioner for Administration in January. The cases high-lighted in the report for 1989 were investigated by his predecessor, Sir Anthony Bar-rowclough, QC.

The Barlow Clowes affair, which led to the Department of Trade and Industry agreeing to award more than £150 million to investors, was the largest and most complex of the 126 full investigations carried out by the Ombudsman last year, Mr Reid said. Other cases concerned so-

cial security and unemploy-ment benefit payments, pris-oners' complaints, the Inland

Revenue and immigration.

In his report, Mr Reid said

annual report yesterday and increased from an average of pledged to speed up just over a year in 1988 to just over 15 months in 1989. Some cases were completed

within three to six months, but a third of all cases took more than 18 months, with



Sir Anthony: Undertook 126 full investigations last year

here too, Mr Harvey said.

Kingdom and at least 6.8 million cats:

At the end of 1989, 183 cases were under investigation, and Mr Reid said that, while it would be unrealistic to expect to achieve the target time of an average nine months immediately, he hoped the backlog would be steadily reduced.

Of the complaints investi-gated, the Ombudsman found 48 per cent wholly, and 42 per cent partly, justified, and 10 per cent unjustified. He had received 677 complaints during the year, 24 fewer than in 1988. Complaints against the Department of Social Security accounted for a third of all

Remedies recommended by the Ombudsman ranged from a simple apology by the department or body concerned, to staffing improvements and financial redress.

### mission said yesterday. It said the next general election. Sale of Sussex castle

'cost taxpayer £6m'

council was criticized yes-terday for its handling of the sale of Herstmonceux Castle which could have resulted in them receiving an extra £6

million for the property. The Science and Engineering Research Council is also rebuked for its failure to demand some form of "clawback" from the potential development value of the castle and the surrounding 370 acres of gardens and grounds in East

The castle was sold for £8.1 million without planning permission when the the Royal Greenwich Observatory moved from the site to Cambridge. The council considered the price to be fair and any of the bidder to complete the attempt to get a share of £14 million deal, the NAO redevelopment value as un- port says the offer should have necessary, according to a Nat- been fully investigated before

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent A GOVERNMENT research published yesterday. Eight firm offers were received by August 1988 for the property which was to be sold by private treaty.

When the highest bidder was unable to provide the required banking references. the council considered the next largest offer which was £8.1 million. A second underbidder said

he was prepared to increase his bid to £14 million but thecouncil considered that to accept this would have amounted to "gazumping" and that it could not be involved in such a practice. Although the council defended itself by saying there were doubts about the ability

### ional Audit Office report the lower bid was accepted. Research shows owning a dog improves health

By Peter Davenport

PETS are good for their owners, according to research presented yesterday at the European Congress of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association in Harrogate.

Dr James Serpell of the Companion Animal Research Group at Cambridge University said a two-year study of people acquiring new pets had showed that those buying a dog registered a "dramatic decline" in a range of minor health problems, including headaches and common colds. Cat owners received similar benefits, although they were not as

long lasting, he said. Dr Serpell added: "We don't properly understand the mechanisms by which pets induce these effects. There are things going on in these relationships between people and their pets which we don't understand."

severe case of canine bad breath to three years old have some degree of rupture that special relationship beperidontal disease according to figures tween a man and his best friend, from the British Veterinary Dental according to Mr Colin Harvey, a Association. But help is at hand. veterinary surgeon based in America Root canals can be treated, cavities who specializes in dental treatment filled and owners are now advised to

regularly brush the teeth of their pets. for pers. "A severe dose of halitosis does There are even toothpastes coming tend to take the edge off that companionship, especially if, when on to the market to tempt Rover's palate: liver and mait-flavoured prodyou go home at the end of the day ucts are proving to be canine your dog greets you, tail wagging and favourites. There are also special panting into your face and all you toothbrushes, cleaning pads and discs want to say is: 'Go see your dentist'." that attach to the finger so that a pets'

As might be expected, that is exactly gums can be massaged. what more and more dog owners in Gum disease was proving to be the America, where pets can be even more overwhelming dental problem for pet pampered than in this country, are dogs and cats, Mr Harvey said, and a doing, but it is a trend that is growing main factor was the predominance of tinned food. It did not exercise and There are estimated to be 7.3 clean the teeth in the same way as million pet dogs in the United

food hunted in the wild. As for progress in animal health.

as many as 84 per cent of those over hip replacements for dogs are now achieving an 80 to 90 per cent success rate and up to 200 operations, costing up to £1,000 a time, are believed to have been performed in the UK over the last five years.

Mr John Houlton of Cambridge University said yesterday: "We can now take a dog that is a cripple, no longer able to exercise normally and with a poor quality of life and convert it into a happy dog, able 10 exercise and go for walks and, if it is a working dog to return to work able to walk run and swim." And waiting lists were

Advances were also being made in salvaging limbs rather than amputating them, in cardiac surgery and even on canine cardiac pacemakers. Acupuncture is being used on dogs and cats to treat paralysis of the lower spine, arthritis, respiratory problems and skin complaints.

# Thatcher blames firms in 'gun' dispute

to export something that needed an export heence — and military equipment did — it was their duty accurately to describe it and apply

No such application came for a gun or other military application.
That is the fault of the companies
that were seeking to export the

She was accused by Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, of the most devious evasion in her

THE companies involved in the production of the giant Iraqi gun were blamed by the Prime Minister during noisy question-time exchanges for failing to apply for an export licence.

She said that if a company wished to export something that needed an export licence — and military equipment did — it was their duty accurately to describe it and apply that a single Labour soldier fought in that a single Labour soldier fought in

the last war, now could not even recognize a gun harrel (laughter).

Mis Thatcher replied that everyone was grateful to all those who fought in the last war. There had never here a gun harrel workers of the statement of the sta never been a gun barrel made so far which had an aperture one metre

of the most devious evasion in her replies.

On Wednesday, Mr Nicholas
Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade

Mr Kinneck: Will she tell the House why there has been no effective response from any part of the Government to the inquiries

**IRAQITUBES** 

made since 1988 about the Iraqi gun contract by Sheffield Forgemasters, by Walter Somers and by Sir Hal Miller, Conservative MP for Broms-

grove?
Mrs Thatcher: The point remains that at no time did either firm apply for an export licence for the gun or other military application and if they had done so, they would have

Mr Kinnock: That is no adequate answer (loud Labour cheers). As head of the Government, will the Prime Minister tell us whom she holds responsible for this shambles over the Iraqi gun contract. Which minister must bear the blame?

is wanting to export something which requires an export licence has a duty to apply for that licence.

At no time, the Prime Minister added, did either firm apply for an export licence for a gum or other

mintary application.

These enormous pipes, one metre wide, were totally otherwise described (than a gun barrel). At no time did they apply for an export licence for a gun or other military equipment. Had they done so it would have been refused. It was their duty to analy. their duty to apply.

Mr Kinnock: That is the most

devious evasion. The testimony of Sir Hal Miller has shattered the idea that the Government did not know over the past two years. I repeat, which minister is to blame? Mrs Thatcher repeated that no

application had been made for a gun.

seeking to export the product.

During business questions later,
Dr John Cunningham, shadow
Leader of the House, said that
Parliament was surely emitted to
some clarification from Mr Ridley.
The House should have urgent
and candid answers from the department and the Ministry of Defence to the many unanswered questions after the exchanges on Wednesday.

Who would explain, for example the widely differing versions of events given by Mr Ridley and Sir Hal Miller? The Leader of the House (Sir Geoffrey Howe) should provide time for a debate in government time so that MPs could get answers to make up for "the pathetically inadequate performance" by Mr Ridley on Wednesday.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said that Mr

Ridley had described all that was known about the matter. The components had been apprehended because of alertness when the matter became known. It was in the nature of things that such exports took place against a background of sub-terfuge and concealment, not least on the part of the orderers, and those concerned with the supply were not always fully informed about what

was happening.
Further investigations must contimue. If it was thought right to say more later, Mr Ridley would consider doing so.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that Mr Ridley had developed a new doctrine that

ministers could not answer questions because a case might be pending in the courts.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South,

Lab) referred the Speaker later to a decision of 1963 about sub judice matters and said that the Yorkshire Post had reported that Customs and Excise were not considering pro-

secution. Where a minister tried to abuse where a minister tried to accuse the sub judice resolution and escape accountability to the House over matters which were his responsibility, the Speaker should make clear whether there was a real and substantial danger of prejudice to a

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weath erill): There is no question of this matter being sub judice and it was not raised with me yesterday.

Dr Conningham said that there was a danger of creating a narrow precedent. The matters went to the heart of the integrity of the Govern-

# Hong Kong 50,000 'not élite group'

GOVERNMENT plans

to provide British pass-ports to 50,000 heads of household in Hong Kong represented an unprecedented departure from
Britain's normal principles of nationality law,
Mr David Waddington,
Home Secretary, told MPs yesterday.

Moving the second reading of the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Bill in the Commons, he said that the Governor of the colony was convinced that the assurances of citizenship as provided in the Bill were the only effective way of restoring comidence and maintaining prosperity. All the evidence emerging from Hong Kong supported that.

The 50,000 would be a care-fully chosen and highly qualified group of people, in good jobs, earning good salaries. If they decided to settle in the United Kingdom, they would doubtless have a valuable contribution to make here, he said.

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Mr Waddington said: I hardly meed remind the House that, although since the Second World War Britain has granted independence to many former colonics, rarely have we had to make plans for handing over a merritory to a foreign power, and never to a communist one.

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... I certainly have not to remind the House that the remarkable story of Hong Kong's economic success is one in which our own country has been, and is, inti-Imately involved.

Quite apart from what many, if not most, of us might regard as our moral duty to maintain the presperity and stability of Hong Kong up to 1997 and to secure a smooth changeover in that year, Britain has an enormous stake, in terms to trade, investment and jobs, in Hong Kong's continuing success. This is a

case, if ever there was one-where duty and the national interest march hand in hand. That is what the bill is all about, and I would emphasize that our proposals, far from contravening the joint declaration signed in 1984, are designed to carry out the agreement's central purpose, which is to maintain Hong Kong's prosperity and stability in the run-up to 1997.

The Bill addresses a real and present threat to that objective. There are plenty of people who still want to go and live in Hong Kong, largely I have to say people without skills wanting to reap the economic benefits of naking their bomes there. But there are also many people leaving and they include pro-fessional, managerial and tech-nical personnel in proportions far in excess of their numbers in

Indeed, 24 per cent of all emigrants come within those categories but represent only 5.5 per cent of Hong Kong's popula-tion. Thirteen per cent of Hong Kong's information science pro-fessionals, a classification which includes computer experts, have been leaving each year. Hong Kong's economy and stability cannot indefinitely survive such a haemorrhage of talent and

The rationale for the pro-tiosals now before the House remain as set out by the Foreign Secretary in his statement on December 20 last year.

First, current rates of emigration and reduced confidence pose a real threat to Hong Kong's stability in the period before 1997. Second, most of those who are emigrating do so reluctantly, because it is the only means of acquiring the assurance of a foreign passport. And third, most of them would remain if such an assurance were available without the need to leave Hong Kong.

They might well come here
I fully recognize that the after 1997 if there were a to leave Hong Kong.



Members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council visiting the House of Commons for the Hong Kong passports debate yesterday. From left:
Professor C.V. Poon, Mrs Selina Chow, Mrs Rosanna Tam and Mr Ronald Arculii

dented form would be an invita-tion to people to think that the obligation would not be bonour-

ed if by some terrible catas-trophe, someone like the member for Manchester Gorton

(Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Foreign Secretary) was

The scheme would be divided

responsible for these matters.

into four separate sections. Seventy-two per cent, or 36,200, of the 50,000 places would be allocated under a general section, open to people from a wide range of walks of life who had a key role in maintaining Hong Kong's worsperity and Eucose.

Kong's prosperity and success ful administration.

They would come from seven broad areas of work: business

and management, accounting, engineering, information ser-vices, medicine and science, law

The distribution of places to the varied occupational groups within these broad areas would take account of the rate at which

their members were emigrating

to focus the assurances where

A number of places would be set aside for other technically or professionally qualified people, who did not fit neatly into the listed companional professional

listed occupational groups but who performed essential func-

Applicants to the general allocation section would be

marked on a points system, taking account of age, experience, qualifications, special circumstances, proficiency in English, British links and

Age was important because

the need was greatest.

and education.

remedy which the Bill offers represents an unprecedented we considered very carefully whether a scheme leading to entry clearance lather than full citizenship would suffice. But we concluded that such a

scheme would not resolve the problem. Interest march hand in hand.

It is with Britain that responsibility for Hong Kong rests tended and would have drawn to the United Kingdom the have to do our best to see that so long as we remain responsible for the territory, its prosperity and stability are maintained. That is what the Bill is all about, and I would emphasize that one children were still under age and qualified for entry under the immigration rules. They would be determined to establish the

> citizenship as soon as possible. The Governor of Hong Kong is convinced that the assurances of citizenship as provided in the Bill are the only effective way of restoring confidence and maintaining prosperity and all the evidence emerging from Hong Kong supports this.

Coming now to the Bill, Clause 1 requires the Secretary of State to register up to 50,000 persons recommended by the governor under a scheme approved by Parliament, and also to register their spouses and minor children, and Clause 3 provides for a committee to advise the governor on the operation of the scheme.

Clearly, citizenship granted to the head of a family would be unlikely to anchor him to Hong Kong if citizenship were not granted also to his immediate family, but it is also obviously impossible to recorded in the Bill ble to provide in the Bill for a limit on the number of wives and children. The Foreign Secretary has, however, given an estimate of the absolute maximum number of people who might benefit and the estimate he has given is 225,000.

The 50,000 would be a carefully chosen and highly qualified group of people, in good jobs, earning good salaries.

If they decided to settle in the United Kingdom they would doubtless have a valuable contribution to make here. But that is not the purpose of the Bill. It is a Bill designed to persuade people to remain in Hong Kong rather than go off elsewhere in the coming years in order to acquire another nationality as a sort of intermediate. tionality as a sort of insurance

### Heath accepts Government's solution

Mr Edward Heath (Old Sidcup and Bexley, C), the former Prime Minister, said: "I shall support the Government tonight (Conservative cheers). Although I have in the past expressed doubts about some aspects of it, I believe that it is the only course now open to the Government to take."

The situation in Hong Kong after Tiananmen Square, could not now be dealt with by trying to extend democracy. The fact was that in some quarters of Hong Kong there was a lack of confidence and the Government was under an obligation to do its utmost to ensure that Hong Kong retained its stability and prosperity until 1997.

He did not accept the idea that the United Kingdom had a moral responsibility for Hong Kong. The British had

collapse of confidence in Hong Kong, But I have to say that, in

that event, many more people from Hong Kong would arrive

Of course in that situation we

would look to the international community for assistance but, given our historical links with Hong Kong, who can doubt that in a situation of real difficulty the United Kingdom would be

expected to take the leading

The Government believes that the Bill will greatly reduce the chance of such a collapse

before 1997 and will thus in-

crease the prospects of a success-ful transition when the time

It would not have been reasonable to ask the House to

reasonable to ask me house to approve an enabling Bill such as this without revealing how the Government envisaged that the resulting powers would be used.

I therefore turn now to the explanatory note which I have laid before the House describing the selection scheme which the Government has in mind and

which is the product of extensive disussions with the Hong Kong Government and based on the principles originally pro-

Mr Norman Tebbit (Ching-ford, C) intervened to ask why passports could not be issued, if the Bill were enacted, in the

normal way but marked "valid January I 1997".

encouragement to people to stay in Hong Kong, they will not wish to use these passports before 1997, will they?

"If he is right and this is an

posed by them.

here seeking refuge.

made a considerable contribution to the development of Hong Kong and to the welfare of its people, but looking at the figures it was evident that the United States had made an even greater contribution in investment and so had the Japanese.

"Our responsibility is cleanly a political and practical one, which is to see that Hong Kong, when handed over to the People's Republic of China, is as stable and prosperous as we can make it.

prosperous as we can make it.

That is the problem to which the the Government has quite rightly addressed

itself - how to secure that position. He triged the Government to do all it could to move closer to China to find ways of building up confidence in Hong Kong itself. That required action from Peking as well as from London. The Government

for personnel and emigration was particularly high in the 30-40 age range.

Points for special circum-stances would be a means of, for

example, recognizing excep-tional individual achievement

or of giving extra weight to occupations suffering higher emigration rates than others

British links would include service with a British firm and the Bill did not, therefore,

ondment scheme as originally

British companies would no doubt feature in their detailed

"A points system is not familiar to us in Britain, but it is well understood in Hong Kong as a result of its use by the Australian and Canadian im-

migration authorities - and

considerable work has gone into devising one which would be as

fair and objective as possible, with the Governor's Advisory

Committee playing an important and impartial role."

The Independent Commission Against Corruption, which would be represented on the advisory committee, had already been involved in designing the way that the points

ing the way that the points

system would operate, and would monitor the practical

application of this, as of other

The second section of the

scheme was for key en-trepreneurs. Hong Kong had a number of well known and

respected entrepreneurs who

had extensive investments there, who employed substantial

aspects of the scheme.

discussions on the Bill.

How best to give assistance to

within the same group.

must not despair or be dogmatic after the killings in Tiananmen Square. This would mean moving further and further away from Peking while the need was to move

It was said that if the 50,000 families eventually came and brought their families it would cause great disorganization, but he doubted that after his experience as Prime Minister is accepting many Ugandan Asians in a much shorter time span.

Given the opportunity, the Chinese had shown they would always be successful, in London or San Franciso.

The problem was how to maintain the prosperity of Hong Kong until 1997. He believed the Government was right to try to and management stayed.

more than I per cent of the total.

places for Hong Kong's disci-plined services: ie, the police,

prison, immigration, customs,

fire and auxillary air force services, as well as the Indepen-

dent Commission Against Corruption and the garrison.

Places would be allocated to

these services in proportion to their staff numbers. Applicants would be assessed on a points

system similar to that already described but adjusted to take

account of the needs of each

section would provide for

people who, as a consequence of

service to Hong Kong or United

Kingdom interests in either a civilian or military role, would

be especialy vulnerable or ex-posed after 1997.

workers, not for a wealthy and influential elite. It makes pro-

visions for teachers, doctors, nurses, engineers, computer

programmers, accountants, business managers, civil ser-

vants, policemen and the like,

and the reactions so far in Hong Kong lend no credence to the claim that it is thought there as

"It is, as Mr Peter Shore (Bethnal Green and Stepmey,

élitist or divisive.

"This is a scheme for key

Finally, the sensitive services

service.

for people in this category."

numbers of people and whose

departure would do much to undermine confidence. "It is also profoundly to Britain's advantage to secure such a transition. That is why "We therefore envisage that the scheme would reserve a small number of places, not this Bill serves the joint interests

> commend it to the House." Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that it was less than a year since the Tiananmen Square slaughter, so it was easy enough to understand the apprehension with which the

to China in seven years. This apprehension was felt by all the people there, more than five million residents.

There could not be a solution to the colony's problems and the confidence of the residents which did not address the needs of all the people, not just a few of

There could be no just or even practical solution in a scheme which offered a special escape route to a favoured and arbi-trarily chosen minority. Selection emphasized the extent of the problem, but offered nothing for most of the Hong Kong

The real solution, the only solution which meets the needs of all the people, is to make major progress towards democracy in the colony - democracy

"That is the policy which the

Lab) said yesterday, selective, and that is the object of the "The scheme is looked upon

the stability and prosperity of the territory and therefore bene-fit the community as a whole."

Two other groups of people ought to be mentioned who were not covered by the Bill but for whom he believed some pro-vision should be made. "I am referring to the widows and widowers of British citizens

who were resident in Hong; Kong and I am prepared to offer an assurance that they will be allowed to come here if they are still resident in Hong Kong and have not the citizenship of another country and have not remarried."

They would, of course, be able to come here anyhow under the immigration rules during the ifetime of their spouses.

In accordance with the recom-mendation of the foreign affairs select committee, the same assurance would also extend to the widows of former Service-men who served in defence of Hong Kong during the Second World War under the Government of Hong Kong. They would be able to come irrespective of the husband's nat-

"In conclusion, I should refer to suggestions that the Bill either betrays the Government's lack of confidence in the joint declaration or will reinforce uncertainty about the future among those not selected.

"I do not believe that either allegation stands up to scrutiny. It is a fact of life that, following the events in China last June, confidence in Hong Kong declined to a low ebb. The Bill is designed to tackle that problem. Far from undermising confidence, it will bolster it."

The Chinese had not said anything to suggest that they would fail to honour their side of the joint declaration.

Under the terms of the declaration, it would be incumbent upon the Chinese Govern-ment after 1997 to continue to allow Hong Kong residents with British citizenship to continue to live and work in Hong Kong and to have free movement in

and out of the territory. Douglas Hurd) had taken pains to explain to the Chinese the troducing these proposals.

"We believe that they will in time come to accept them as a sincere contribution to Hong

Kong's successful transition to Chinese sovereignty.

of the British people and of the Queen's subjects in Hong Kong. A third section would provide

Hong Kong people anticipated the colony's being handed over

so complete and so tightly organized that dismanding it in 1997 would be virtually impos-

Labour Party advocates and that is the policy which the Labour Party will pursue in

### Czechs Semtex exports Britain has been told that all exports of the Semtex

explosive by Czecho-slovakia ended last year, Mr William Waldegrave, Min-ister of State for Foreign Afwritten reply vesterday. Since 1982 exports had

been limited to "special deliveries" to East Germany and Hungary under Warsaw Pact commitments. Those had been covered by a guarantee that they will not be re-exported to third countries.

The Government was having discussions with the Czechoslovak authorities about past exports of Semtex and had noted President Havel's statement that about 1,000 tonnes had been exported to Libya.

**Private Bills** report soon

Sir Geoffrey Home, Leader of the House, hopes to to report to the House before long on procedure for dealing with private Bills, he said during exchanges about next week's business.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Denton and Reddish, Lab) been deferred to next Thursday and, six months ago. Sir Geoffrey had said that he would look at the situa-

### Courts Bill proceeds

The Courts and Legal Services Bill was given a second reading in the Commons late on Wednesday night after an opposition amendment declining to give the Bill a sec-ond reading because of the omission of provision for extra resources for courts and for more legal aid, was jected by 203 votes to 101

### Better guides for learners

Car drivers supervising learners will have to be over the age of 21 and have at least three years, Mr Robert Atkins, Under Secretary of State for Trans-port, said in a Commons

He hopes to implement the changes by the summer.

### £120,000 for Tory meeting

The additional cost of policing the Conservative Party conference in Chel-tenham last month was estimated to be £120,000 over three days. Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a written

### Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:
Monday and Tuesday: Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill. committee.
Wednesday: Debate on
Opposition motion on the poll tax, business rates and local government services. Thursday: Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Bill, remaining stages. Friday: Private members' Bills: Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Bill remaining stages. The main business in

the House of Lords is expected to be: Monday: Landlord and Tenant (Licensed Premises) Bill and Property Services Agency and Crown Suppliers Bill, committee stages. Tuesday: National Health Service and Community Care Bill, committee, second

day. Wednesday: Debates on the governing bodies of places of education and on the powers and constitution of a second chamber.

Thursday: National Health Service and Community Care Bill. committee, third day.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Licensing (Low Alcohol Drinks) Bill

report. Coalmining Subsidence (Damage, Arbitra-tion, Prevention and Public Awareness) Bill, second Lords (11): Social Security Bill, second reading. Debate on the Arts Council.

### **Amendment votes** bring protests

Commons should have to spend four hours throughout next Tuesday night voting on 14 consecutive amendments on important, controversial and sensitive matters concerning the abortion time himit. Dr. John m, shadow Leader of Canningham, shadow Leauer or the House, said during business

The amendments, on time limits of between 18 and 28 weeks, are listed for the com-mittee stage of the Human Fertilization and Embryology

Dr Cunningham asked why the House was being put in this

### **EMBRYO BILL**

the House, said that there had been extensive consultation on the handling of the matter, between business managers and others. He did not expect this to command universal assent, but he had arrived at the best practical arrangements.

It was important to try to tackle the central question in an orderly fashion. Consideration had been given to separating these matters, but this had given rise to anxiety. This might involve much time on voting, but they should be able to "Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of reduce the contested votes.

### £3bn promised for NHS **HEALTH BUDGET**

Mr Waddington: The issue of the scheme was intended to passports in such an unprece-reflect Hong Kong's future need

community service.

A PROMISE was made by the Labour Party yesterday to spend £3 billion over the lifetime of a parliament to restore National Health Service underfunding and meet the rising demands of an ageing population.

Mr Robin Cook, shadow Sec retary of State for Health, also promised that a future Labour administration would start to reduce the backlog of mainte-nance and repair work in the National Health Service which the party estimated totalled £1.8

He accused the Government

of failing to increase the health service budget in line with the true level of inflation, resulting in cuts in spending, fewer beds for the sick and hospital clo-

sures. Mr Cook said that one in

three health authorities ended last year in deficit and that a clear majority of them expected to be even worse off in this financial year. The Government had based

its health budget this year on an its nearth budget this year on an inflation figure of 5 per cent, but the Treasury admitted that the figure for the whole year would be at least 6.5 per cent, Mr Cook told a Labour Party press conference on the health issues the party will highlight during the local government election campaign

"If we take at face value the

Treasury's own revised forecast of inflation", he said, "health authorities are worse off than

He added: "Yet again he is sking bealth authorities to plan for for real cuts in spending, not real increases in patient ser-

Mr Cook said was a damning report on the Government's record on national health and social services during the past decade Detailing the state of the national health and community

### Labour launched a pamphlet. entitled The Lost Decade, which

In February 1988 the Com-mons voted in favour of the services, it says that there are now 71,147 fewer hospital beds in Britain than in 1979, a total of 468 hospitals have closed and 236 partly closed and, last experiment by 318 votes to 264. September, 929,000 people were on hospital waiting lists compared with 628,361 in September 1978.

### for House TV By Robin Oakley Political Editor

More MPs now

A THIRD of the MPs who

voted against the experimental televising of Parliament have now changed their minds and believe that coverage should continue, according to a survey carried out for Central

Expectations are that any vote now would see a far larger majority in favour of continuing TV coverage.

In a survey for Central TV's regional political programme, Central Lobby, 70 per cent said

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that the coverage should con-tinue, with only 27 per cent against the idea. That was despite the fact that 35 per cent believed that the presence of the cameras had damaged the working of the Commons. More than three-quarters of

the MPs polled (78 per cent) believed that the televising of the Commons had increased the public's understanding and awareness of Parliament. Of the 116 MPs contacted, 87

responded. Of those who did, 54 per cent had voted in favour of the experiment.

# Bush counsels caution over Baltic boycott

From Peter Stothard US Editor, Washington

PRESIDENT Bush has begun consulting allied leaders about "appropriate responses" to the Soviet Union's moves against Lithuania

He spoke to President Mitterrand yesterday and to Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, on Wednesday, but Mr Marlin Fiziwater, the White House spokesman, played down the prospect of joint Nato or

The Administration was still checking reports that oil supplies from the Soviet Union to Lithuania had been cut. "We want to see if it is real, and what the extent of the throughout the past weeks of Inquiries about White House observer as "handing over the

rather not see as "the Lithua-

Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, has started a careful programme of preparing US public opinion for a policy of preferring Soviet reform to Baltic aspiration.

The US hopes that such a choice can be avoided. But Mr Baker's presentation to Congress on Wednesday was noticeably short on sanctions (referring only to "certain commercial arrangements") and long on analysis of American interest in President Gorbachov's survival.

Behind the measured responses to the threat of a cies. The most threatening blockade, there are also signs would be any slowdown in the that the US Administration is move towards giving the losing patience with the breakSoviet Union "most favoured situation is," Mr Fitzwater losing patience with the breaksaid. His remarks were sympaway Government of Presitomatic of the US approach dent Vytautas Landsbergis, described by one well-placed

options for responding to the keys of Fort Knox" to the Mr Baker's presentation. By Soviet moves were met by near-bankrupt Soviet state. It the mid-term elections in muted answers about ways of changing Lithuanian tactics.

Mr Bush is under growing pressure from grassroots Republican organizations to threaten Mr Gorbachov with trade sanctions, a slowing down of arms control and postponement of the summit.

The White House crisis management team, the socalled Deputies Committee, has a range of tactical options which can be brought on to the table. These include postponement of negotiations on civil aviation, trade, investment and maritime transport polination status" - a gift

seems, however, that the November, it is felt that a Administration may be much more keen to suggest its by further progress on cutting compilation of long option lists than to use them. Some graduated response will be necessary for the sake of US public opinion.

But intelligence estimates of Soviet anarchy, of the closeness to national break-up, and even civil war have convinced White House advisers that Mr Gorbachov must be protected in the cause of international

If Mr Landsbergis has to be abandoned, the US would rather take a bit of political heat now than risk the undisciplined division of a nuclear-armed superpower. Congressional leaders on the House ways and means com- whether deliberately or

strategic nuclear weapons, would more than outweigh any setbacks to Baltic

The White House is becoming increasingly impatient with Lithuanian tactics which appear to rest primarily on embarrassing other countries into accepting its accelerated timetable for freedom. Dip-lomatic consultations with allies have been marked so far by criticism of Lithuanian impatience. There has been little enthusiasm at galvanizing international support for "gallant little Vilnius".

It is being quietly pointed out that Mr Landsbergis mittee reacted favourably to because of the chaos in his

a blockade. The US knows of successful summit, followed no real rationing systems or administrative preparations of any serious kind.

Mr Landsbergis has, it is felt, relied excessively on rhetorical appeals, bluff and a blinkered sense of his righteousness. A comparison to Mr Menachem Begin, the former Prime Minister of Israel, has begun to be made in some minds. In Mr Baker's mind such a form of idealism is not a virtue.

The State Department is unimpressed by the Landsbergis government in almost every way. The Deputies Committee was founded after the much-criticized failure to back an ill-prepared coup in Administration still thinks the decision not to intervene with-

does not look a good risk. that moves in favour of no one else ought to be Washington is also concerned Lithuania may set precedents expected to do so. for action in other nationalist struggles within the Soviet

It seems that the US may be attempting to get its views across through prominent Lithuanian Americans, but Gorbachov has let it be known how much more easy he finds it to deal with the better organized and less dramatic metics of the Estonians - and the Americans are inclined to

share that view. The Lithuanians are known to be allowing publication of dissident literature for the Ukraine - and this has raised particular fears. Mr Landsbergis may be prepared to risk

young administration - has out proper risk-analysis and done little to help himself fight control was right Lithuania Soviet nuclear buttons in freedom but, in official eyes,

By this standard, the restraint in international support for Vilnius is seen as a virtue. It is pointed out that, of the many countries which have never recognized the Soviet occupation of Lithuawithout much success. Mr nia, none has recognized the new government there.

Japanese desire to be close to Mr Gorbachov, West German concentration on not risking its own unity. British wishes to be close to Mr Bush: all are treated as positive factors here. So, 100, is the Norwegians' apparent reluctance to provide Lithuania with cheap oil.

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# **Moscow showing** signs of wavering despite embargo

threat to impose economic sanctions on Lithuania yescapital was divided over whether the confusion that has seemed to prevail in Kremlin policy towards the rebel Baltic - or real.

Keeping the Lithuanian leadership guessing seems to stage. The pledge - from the right of the Soviet political spectrum as well as from President Gorbachov - not to use armed force "unless lives were threatened" was followed by two occasions on which military convoys drove at speed through the centre of Vilnius at dead of night.

An ultimatum on the return monitored groups. of Lithuanian deserters to

it is to beat a Soviet energy

cut-off over a long period.

since the country has no oil or

gas of its own and hardly any

Analysts said they knew of

no pipelines that could move

Western gas to Lithuania, but

political considerations and a

Mr Geoff Pyne, an energy

economist at UBS Phillips

and Drew, the London finance

house, said: "Oil would have

to be supplied on barter or

long-term deals with deferred

Other Western analysts,

such as Professor Bert Pockny

of Surrey University, said it might be logistically difficult

to supply Western crude oil,

Soviet crude is brought overland by pipeline, and there

might be practical difficulties

getting big tankers into the

small Lithuanian port of Klai-

peda and in moving any appreciable volumes from

there to the refinery at

they had no details about the

capacity and ability to process Western grades of crude at a

very small refinery located at

It was beyond doubt, how-

ever, that Klaipeda handles

Soviet exports of refined oil

products to the West. It could

therefore almost certainly take

imports of enough gasoline

and other oil products for

Lithuania's population of only

3.6 million if the Mazeikiai

refinery is shut down.

Western sources added that

of Western oil.

payment'

Klaipeda.

AS MOSCOW acted on its their units elsewhere in the sanctions was carried out after Soviet Union was followed by the Lithuanian reply had been the forcible recapture of only a received two working days (as terday, opinion in the Soviet small number. The rest, up to 2.000, are still at large.

The threat of economic sanctions was confusingly worded and was not acted on republic was merely apparent the moment the deadline expired. There seemed to be an element of the Muscovite cat teasing the Lithuanian mouse have been part of the Soviet as a prelude to putting it out of approach from a very early its misery if it would not surrender voluntarily.

It can be argued that Moscow has not been as inconsistent as all that. Threats to strengthen border security and restrict the issue of visas were acted on. No Moscow-based correspondents and precious few others are allowed into the republic except in carefully

The threat of economic

markets or from oil com-

Lithuania exports light en-

gineering goods, electrical components and farm pro-

duce, almost all to the Soviet

Union. It might be able to sell

farm produce in the West, but

it would probably need time to

of export credits or subsidies.

officials, however, say that

cash is possibly the least of the

of whether Soviet Union has

retained physical control of

Klaipeda port and, if so, whether it will allow foreign

Experts on Soviet oil mat-

ters, meanwhile, believe an

energy blockade of Lithuania

could backfire on Moscow,

since the Soviet Union would

lose hard currency if it had to

halt the export of oil-product

tankers to bring in oil.

through Klaipeda.

political problems.

Some Western oil industry

These include the questions

Western cash

needed to ride

out oil cut-off

By Nicholas Moore

WESTERN oil-industry however, the question that sources believe that Lithuania arises is where Lithuania

will probably need money, if would find the hard currency

not other aid, from the West if to buy fuel on the spot

panies.

opposed to the two Easter weekend days) after the 48hour deadline expired.

President Gorbachov ha also stood by his pledge not to "negotiate". The only talks reported to have taken place were with Mr Aleksandr Yakovley, a member of the Polithuro and the Presidential Council, as Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, was trying to fix a summit date with Mr James Baker, his US counterpart, in Washington. The moment a summit date had been fixed, a planned meeting between the Lithuanian delegation and Mr Vadim Bakatin, the Interior Minister, was cancelled.

There are, however, tell-tale signs of Soviet indecision. Authoritative statements from the top have been few and far between since the Congress of People's Deputies issued its formal condemnation, subsequently diluted by President Gorbachov, soon after Lithuania's original declaration of independence. Since Mr Gorbachov's first decree, calling for increased border security and a ban on the possession of firearms, there had been few formal statements until last week-

end's economic ultimatum. The only measure of official opinion came in the form of replies by Mr Gorbachov, Mr Shevardnadze and other officials, to questions during meetings with foreign visitors

or at other forums. These have boiled down to accusing the Lithuanians of irresponsibility or "adventurism", and expressing the hope that a political settlement can be reached.

lack of hard currency, rather bring its manufactured goods than logistics, seemed to be up to Western standards and the main obstacles to imports establish marketing outlets. After the economic ul-Norway, where Mrs Kazitimatum was issued, not only miera Prunskiene, the Lithuadid Moscow's response appear nian Prime Minister, is on a tardy, it also contradicted undertakings given by the Soviet leader to Mr Douglas visit, has said it will not "interfere" with possible com-mercial oil sales. Oslo analysts Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, say this is meant to imply that among others about the use of the Norwegian Government economic pressure. does not envisage the granting

Some have argued that the half-use of military force in Lithuania reflects the weight of pressure on Mr Gorbachov from the conservative wing of the leadership - in other words, it is not the President, but his opponents who are to blame. Others claim that the more the West draws attention to Soviet threats, the greater the pressure on the Kremlin to be seen to act - in

blame for oppressive action. • Radical resigns: A prominent Moscow radical has resigned from the Communist Party, paving the way for defections that could destroy the political force that forged the Soviet state over 70 years.

other words, the West is to

The Mazeikiai refinery has a capacity of about 2.5 million barrels a day. Lithuanian Professor Yuri Afanasyev, sources and several Western an historian and the leader of the party's powerful reformist analysts say that up to half this is exported - although traders report that their Soviet Democratic Platform, said yesterday he had left the party, sources tell them that the saying it was beyond redempproduct which is exported tion. Others were expected to follow before July's crucial through Klaineda is brought Without Western credits, by rail from Russia. (Reuter) congress. (Reuter)



HANDS across the Baltic Mrs Gro Prime Minister, left, welcoming Mrs Kazimiera Pranskiene, her Lithannian

Reacting to Soviet embargoes of gas od oil supplies, the Lithuanian Prime and oil supplies, the Lithuanian Prime Minister told a packed press conference that the object of her visit to Norway was not material aid but "general understanding and moral support" (A Correspondent writes from Oslo). The Norwegian Government promptly demonstrated both by summoning the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Aleksandr Teterin, and delivering a formal protest at the Soviet

Vowing to continue the struggle for

Lithnania's command, Mrs Prunskiene described those resources as "our people's determination to work" and a European mentality" which the Soviet Union had "not quite destroyed".

The obsession of the Western media with the possible purchase of oil from Norway has clearly taken Mrs Prunskiene and her Foreign Minister, Mr Algirdas Sandargas, who arrived here on Wednesday night, by surprise. Both have reiterated that they knew several days in advance that oil and gas would be cut off, and both felt that the asures were something of a warning gesture rather than a long-term strategy

But the loss of gas supplies was the more serious, Mrs Pranskiene said, because the Lithuaniaus had no gas

reserves, although there was enough oil to last about six weeks

Talks with the Soviet authorities on energy supplies are expected to begin next week, and some face-saving formula enabling Lithnania to "buy" energy supplies from the Soviet Union is thought likely.

Her visit had been planned early this month, well before the current crisis, as one in a series of private hospitality-and-ideology programmes for East Europe-ans throughout Scandinavia.

ans throughout Scandinavia.

Nordic politicians are convinced that their system of social democracy offers an ideal halfway house between comism and unbridled free-market capitalism, for their part, the emerging nations to the East see the Nordic countries as natural allies.

### Britain uncertain how to react

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Editor

THE British Government yesterday appeared embarrassed and uncertain how to react following the Soviet economic clampdown on Lithuania.

After relying on Moscow's private assurances that it would try to avoid taking strong measures, the Government found the approach it has followed for the last few weeks in tanters.

It is now clear that the US. Britain and other Western countries will be unable to avoid making some form of diplomatic response, though they will do so reluctantly.

The European Community countries plan to act together to avoid any one nation appearing to pick an individual argument with Moscow. The 12 foreign ministers are to discuss the issue at a meeting in Dublin on Saturday, following a preliminary session held yesterday by political directors, it will also be discussed when foreign ministers of the nine Western European Union countries meet in Brussels on Monday.

Britain is expected to argue that any response should avoid being provocative. This could take the form of a joint EC statement expressing mild criticism.

Official sources emphasized the difficulties of firm action and said the Government would not want to make a difficult and sensitive situa-

It was not clear, they said, whether the Soviet measures would be temporary or lasting. and the Government would be trying to find out how much further Moscow might go.

Asked about the assurances Moscow had given, the sources said it expressed its "desire not to be forced to take strong measures".

### US 'abandons' follow-up to Lance nuclear missile

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

THE Bush Administration continuing American nuclear million) next year for the has decided to abandon its plans for a new West Germanbased, short-range nuclear missile to replace the ageing Lance, according to reports

Although the White House insists no formal decision has been made, the Pentagon has quietly told the US Army Missile Command to cease development of the Follow-on To Lance (FOTL) missile.

The Administration is now talking to Nato allies about cancelling FOTL as part of a broad review of the future of nuclear weapons in Europe, and about bringing forward East-West talks on cutting short-range nuclear weapons. President Bush discussed the issue in Bermuda last Friday with Mrs Thatcher, who has now dropped her previous insistence on the

modernization of Lance.

presence in Germany is essential, and that Lance should be abandoned only as part of a larger plan that would involve the deployment of new tactical air-to-surface missiles there. They hope these missiles would be acceptable to Bonn as they would be capable of reaching beyond Eastern Europe and would also be based in other European countries.

The issue of whether to deploy a modernized Lance in West Germany nearly split Nato last May.

Since then events in Eastern Europe have undermined the case for deployment of a missile which would be targeted on East Germany, Hungary and Poland. West Germany has told Washington it would not accept FOTL, and Congressional leaders have said they will not Britain and the United approve the Pentagon's re-States are said to agree that a quest for \$112 million (£68

Congressional Democrats have unveiled budget pro-posals for 1991 which would cut \$8 billion off the \$303 billion the Administration has requested for defence. Mr Leon Panetta, the House bud-

get committee chairman, said

it would begin transition from a "Cold War economy to a

peacetime economy". • ROME: Although the prospect of war may be at its lowest in 50 years, only Nato can balance and hedge the preponderance of Soviet nower in Europe, Herr Manfred Worner, the alliance's secretary-general, told the Italian Senate yesterday

(Paul Bompard writes). He disagreed with Soviet claims that Nato and the Warsaw Pact were parallel organizations which could work towards shaping Europe. "There is no equivalence,"

are against than for.

sonality for which generations of disenfranchised Croats yearn. There was no question about the defeat of the communists, he said in an interview with Borba, the Belgrade newspaper, adding: "My party will win because it has the trust of the Croat people."

Split and Rijeka, the three largest Croatian cities, give the Union 30 per cent of the vote, with the more moderate National Accord nationalist coalition second on 25 per cent. The communists have less than 20 per cent.

Outside urban centres, however, the authoritarian Mr Tudiman and his party command an even greater following, attracting huge crowds.

The communists call the Union "the party of dangerous intentions", but this has served only to enhance his popularity even more. Dismissing the forecasts of

the opinion polls, Mr Tudilandslide victory of 60 per

### Nationalists in Croatia foresee heavy victory

From Dessa Trevisan, Zagreb

leader of the Croatian Demonationalist right-wing party, forecasts a crushing defeat for the ruling communists when some 3.5 million Croats go to the polls on Sunday in the country's first free elections in more than half a century.

For many people a free election is a wholly novel experience, and many are inclined to think more in terms of powerful personalities than of political programmes, more of what they Mr Tudjman seems to be

providing the powerful per-Opinion polls conducted by

the weekly Danas in Zagreb,

MR FRANJO Tudiman, the Although Mr Tudiman's confidence is regarded as merely cratic Union, the stronly an electioneering posture the possibility of his victory in the first round can nevertheless not be dismissed.

The reason is simple: in Croatia, just as in Slovinia, the secessionist mood seems to be growing ever stronger. "The Croats want to free themselves from the Serbian domination under which they have lived in both Yugoslavias - the one after 1918 under Serbian monarchy and the second after 1945 under communist dictatorship," a Croatian writer campaigning for the more moderate coalition says.

The popularity which the Croatian Democratic Union has been gaining reflects this popular mood under Mr Tudjman, a former general in Tito's army, a latter-day war historian, later still a dissident who spent several years in a Tito prison. He can bring out crowds of

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hundreds of thousands of ecstatic Croats just as easily as Mr Slobodan Milosevic, his Serbian counterpart, can arouse his fellow Serbs. "Were not for the Milosevic phenomenon, the Tudiman phenomenon would not be possible," a Western diplomat commented.

Reformed Croatian communists who do not have a leader who, like Mr Milan Kucan in Slovenia, stood up against the Serbian leader and his pressing centralism, seem to have resigned themselves to defeat. They have been sitting on the fence for too long and have only recently confronted the Serbian communists and man confidently forecasts a their leader over future reforms, slamming the door to cent in the first round. There the party congress and turning will be a run-off election after to a new image away from two weeks if neither party Bolshevism and closer to West polls more than 50 per cent. European lest-wing tradition,

### Albania offers to bury hatchet with superpowers From Richard Bassett War following suspicions that adding that Albania did not wish to reactionary elements within the

Apart from international rela-

remain hostile to Britain.

ALBANIA buried the hatchet of old enmity yesterday and called on both America and the Soviet Union to re-

establish diplomatic links severed for more than three decades. Speaking at the conclusion of the tenth plenum of the communist party's Central Committee, the Albanian leader, Mr Ramiz Alia, said the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with the United States and the Soviet Union was "on

the agenda". "We want to stress that Albania has never had a phobia towards these countries. If now the US and the Soviet Union change their stand towards Albania, we have no reason not to welcome this," he added.

Relations with America were broken off after the Second World Washington was trying to subvert the Enver Hoxha regime.

Relations with Moscow were sev-

diplomatic relations with Britain, Mr Alia again reiterated Albania's long-held view that London was guilty of "an outdated mentality" in freezing Albanian gold looted by the Nazis.

The British Government took this decision as a result of Albania's failure to abide by the judgement of the International Court at The Hague blaming Albania for the heavy loss of life suffered on two British destroyers which struck mines in 1946 in the Corfu Channel.

"It is high time for Britain to give

up this position," Mr Alia said,

tions, Mr Alia's speech unveiled ootentially far-reaching reforms of ered following an ideological break But referring to the absence of

the legal and economic systems of the last bastion of Stalinism in Europe. A reform of the penal code will be approved on May 7. Private property for agricultural labourers is to be permitted in an attempt to

decentralize collective farming throughout the country. "These are only the beginnings of major economic, social reform, aiming at democracy", an official of the Albanian Foreign Ministry said here yesterday. But Mr Alia, who enjoys the

confidence of many young Alba-

nians, hinted in his speech that

reforms were being blocked by

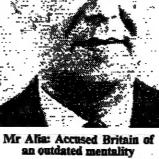
apparatus. "We are meeting with resistance along the road of reform from elements who do not understand

this development," he said. These elements were just as great danger as the enemies of socialism, Mr Alia insisted. "Procedural acts are hindering the

and the old cadres are trying to discredit change. Mr Alia is seen by many as a great hope for Albania. However, intellectuals both within and outside the Government note the prevailing force of an older generation whose ideas remaine inflexible and who find it increasingly difficult to

comprehend the necessary changes which will bring Albania into the

implementation of the people's will



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# US and UK harden line on German neutrality

Britain have agreed to take a ment will not argue that Nato far tougher line than expected membership is an internal with the Soviet Union over German matter, nor is it likely the question of whether a re- that Washington would take annified Germany should be that view. Their aim in long to Nato.

the question with Moscow in accomplithe "two plus four" talks on

Brita!

react

Their decision is likely to expecting to use the talks as a main forum for resolving what, for the Soviet Union, is the biggest issue. It means, in effect, that Washington and London think they have clinched the Nato membership issue and no longer have ship issue and no longer have to treat it as being in doubt. If there is a Russian protest,

it will almost certainly come next week when senior officials from the six nations meet in East Berlin. Alter-natively, Moscow could use the first ministerial meeting, likely to be held on May 5, to make its annoyance plain.

The talks bring together the prepared to listen to Soviet two Germanies and the four concerns but not to allow any - Second World War allies - the ... United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and France. The discussing the matter with the forum was supposed to settle Russians in bilateral talks all the anxieties which tring to convince Moscow that

tive to handle the external than German neutrality. Howaspects of reunification, leav- ever, Moscow shows no sign ing the internal questions to of accepting that argument.
The two Germanies.

The US and Britain are

...THE United States and decided The British Govern

excluding the issue from the President Bush and Mrs talks is to avoid giving Mos-Thatcher have instructed their cow an opportunity to veto ministers to refuse to discuss something they regard as a fait "As the East Germans have

elected a Government which wants rapid reunification, it is anger Moscow, which was difficult to see what the Rus-

cussed at a meeting of the political directors of the US, Britain, France and West Germany.

The British position differs slightly from that of the US. While Washington wants no discussion of the issue in the talks, the British would be concerns but not to allow any decision to be taken.

Both countries have been Russians in bilateral talks, reunification will arouse for German membership of Nato
Germany's neighbours.

It was created on an Amerievitable and would be better can and West German initia- from the Soviet point of view

It has reached only the willing to discuss transitional talks about talks stage so arrangements, including a far, and next week's meeting time scale allowing Soviet will continue discussions on forces to remain in East the scope of the issues to be Germany for a few years.

change proposals are unani-

mously opposed by all

political parties in East Ger-

to the streets in protest. Many East Germans feel betrayed by

the proposal after receiving

assurances, albeit vague, from Herr Helmut Kohl, the West

German Chancellor, that their savings and earnings would be

the East German elections in

March in favor of Herr Lothar

de Maizière's Christian

Democrats.

However, Herr de Maizière, the Prime Minister, told the

East German Volkskammer

that monetary union should

take place at the one-to-one rate. "We must agree on terms

that will not make East Ger-

mans second class citizens,"

Herr Walter Romberg, East

Germany's new Finance Min-

ister, said: "The East German

Government is strong enough

to hold out for a one-to-one

rate and to do whatever it

takes to get it."
Herr de Maizière issued his

most powerful statement yet

of East German sovereignty in

He announced further concrete steps towards unity,

saying that the Berlin Wall as

"a sugma unworthy of man-

The conservative-led co-

alition government would

conditions for the merging of

both Germany's neighbouring

countries and the Soviet

Union. He also issued a plea

to the people of West Ger-

many to share their wealth

He did not, however, mention the letter presented to

him on Wednesday by the Soviet Ambassador in East

Berlin, outlining Moscow's

objections to the pace of the

reunification process and the intended constitutional route

via Article 23. of the West

The sudden attention to

national identity and East

German values is calculated

to strengthen support for the

ruling Christian Democrats in

the run-up to the country's

local elections next month.

German Basic Law.

with the East.

unification negotiations.

he said.

nged at parity. Herr Kohi's campaign pledges are viewed as heavily influencing

debate in West Germany. Its recommendations have also sent East Germans back

many and have stirred heated



THE Bundesbank, West Ger- ume" that could destabilize many's powerful central bank, the Deutschmark. "The Bun-sent a stern message yesterday desbank would then be forced sent a stern message yesterday to Bonn and East Berlin that to step sharply on the mone-interest rates may rise if its terms for monetary union are ignored.

Herr Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank vice-president, told the Bundesbank vice-president, told the Step Serman.

The Bundesbank's example of the Deutschman. The Bundesbank's example of the Deutschman in the Deutschman. The Bundesbank would then be forced to step sharply on the mone-tary brakes.

He said that exchanging at par beyond a ceiling of 2,000 Ostmarks in savings would increase inflationary pressure.

business magazine Wirtschaftswoche that a one-to-one exrate for Ostmarks could have grave con-

sequences for growth.

It was the Bundesbank's strongest statement yet against opponents of its proposal for a two-to-one rate for all but small amounts of East German savings. Herr Schlesinger warned that a one-to-one rate would lead to "an enormous extension of currency vol-

### UN seeks a role in Kashmir

THE United Nations is seeking talks with India and Pakistan next week to see if it can help to resolve their dispute over Kashmir (Our Foreign Staff writes). The move came as it was revealed that more than 1,200 people have been arrested in an Indian crackdown on Muslim separatists in Kashmir.

Yesterday the separatists were blamed for the murder of Sheikh Abdul Jabbar, a former Muslim state minister, at his bome in Srinagar.

### The day that Earth trembled

DOZENS of carthquakes rat-Hed Earth on Wednedsay, the 84th anniversary of the 1906 kind" would be pulled down in the next few months, and San Francisco quake (Our the two Germanies should Foreign Staff writes). About send one team to the next .75 tremors shook northern Olympic Games in Barcelona California, several small ones hit Southern California, and there was a moderate tremor pursue unity as fast quickly as on the Indiana-Ohio border. A quake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale, hit the possible, he said, but the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan the two states must combine pace and quality to reassure

and neighbouring areas of Xinjiang in China. But the biggest, registering 7.5, struck in the Celebes Sea between Indonesia and the Philippines. No serious casualties have been reported.

### Nepal leader is sworn in

Delbi - Mr Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, Nepal's new Prime \*Minister, was sworn in yesterday as head of an interim coalition, formally ending 30 years of direct royal rule (Christopher Thomas writes). The 11-man Cabinet consists of members of the Nepali Congress and the United Leftist Front - both illegal until 12 days ago - and two nominees of King Birendra.



Mr Lech Walesa opening the second Solidarity congress in Gdansk yesterday

# Mazowiecki smooths the way for Walesa

yesterday papered over his committed to winding up on

To cheers and table-thumping from the 487 delegates to the Solidarity congress, Mr Mazowiecki declared: "Solidarity's name will always be associated with Lech Walesa and I am paying tribute to him here and now.

Mr Walesa is expected to stand for, and win, the chairmanship of the union in leadership elections tomorrow. Three possible oppo-nents have emerged from Silesia, all former underground activists: Mr Tadeusz change, had to be orderly. Jedynak, one of the chief Pietrzyk, a veteran strike organizer from the coal mines.

But these are not regarded as serious contenders, partly because of the personal standbecause of a feeling among should be led from Gdansk, where the union was born in

than the first stormy gathering

MR TADEUSZ Mazowiecki, in 1981. The delegates, arriv-spring, and that the draft of a the Polish Prime Minister, ing in suits and ties, are firmly new constitution would be differences with Mr Lech Tuesday because the ice rink That, in turn, would allow for Walesa, the Solidarity chair- in the Oliva Sports Hall has to President Jaruzelski to be man, promising to accelerate be frozen over for a skating replaced by Mr Walesa or political reforms and hold competition. No such niceties another candidate, perhaps were considered nine years

ago when delegates were push-ing hard against the Communist system. The pressure is for unity, above all to show that Solidarity as a movement is not trying to undermine the Solidarity-led Government. Mr Walesa has been calling

for much faster changes and thus implicitly attacking the Prime Minister. Yesterday, Mr Mazowiecki was at pains to show that he too wanted to put the revolution on the fast track - but change, even rapid

"State structures have to be organizers of the resistance to methodically transferred," he marial law, Mr Marian said, emphasizing "methodi-Krzalewski, a lecturer from cally". He added that this Katowice; and Mr Alojzy policy was "already yielding results in the Prosecutor's Office, the Interior and Defence ministries".

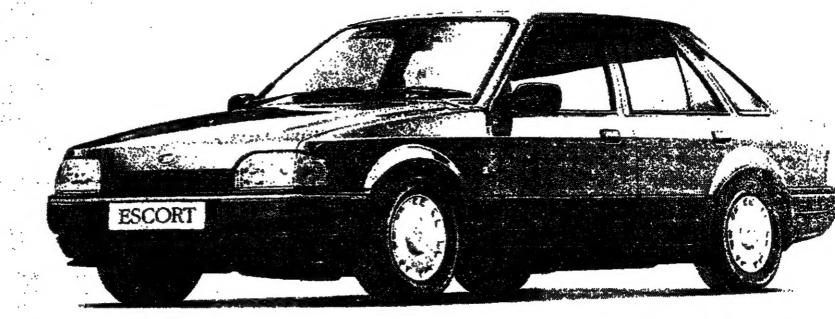
Mr Walesa does not share this optimistic assessment, ing of Mr Walesa, but also but he exchanged only pleasantries with Mr Mazowiecki yesterday. This was because the two men have worked out a kind of timetable for reform. • LONDON: Mr Douglas

Mr Mazowiecki himself. The big question is whether Mr Walesa can wait so long. In the corridors of the sports hall, around the locker rooms and converted shower facilities, the gossiping delegates appeared to be divided between the patient and the impatient.

Mr Mazowiecki had presented the patient man's scefident people," he said. "Political pluralism comes only by erecting lasting institutions. not by turning the hourglass

But on the streets of Gdansk, the social tensions were plain to see. Tram and bus drivers paralysed the port to try to raise their salaries by 30p an hour; most Solidarity the congress. From the roof of the hall fluttered leaflets calling for the immediate with-Mazowiecki.

the strikes of 1980. The Prime Minister prom-The second Solidarity con-ised yesterday that there to visit Poland for talks on gress is a much tamer meeting would be entirely free par-April 29-May 2, the Foreign liamentary elections next Office said yesterday.



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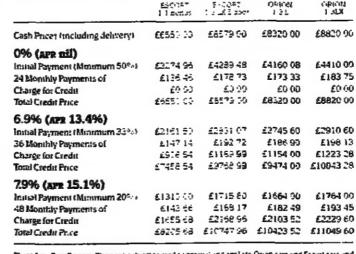
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# Children die as police open fire in South Africa

onstrators in a black township

lotsi township, about 120 singing and chanting, when a miles south of Johannesburg, vanload of police pulled between 13 and 16. They added that up to 20 youths were wounded when the police fired on a peaceful anti-without any warning they got apartheid demonstration us-out of the van and started ing shot and conventional shooting Four children died

toria said the police in the (Reuter) township had been attacked

POLICE opened fire on dem- had been wounded.

in the Orange Free State yesterday, killing four boys, police and local residents said. mainly of secondary school Black activists in Rammu- age, were marching peacefully, said the four boys were aged across their path. About six police, four whites and two blacks, jumped out, he said.

Police headquarters in Pre- as they fled in panic, he added.

by a stone-throwing-mob and Afrikaner nationalist extremwere compelled in self-defence ists, who stole a large quantity to open fire with shotguns and of weapons from South African Air Force headquarters A spokesman denied, how- in Pretoria, formally declared ever, that conventional war on the African National rounds had been fired, adding Congress yesterday and

### Victims accuse ANC 'torturers'

From Marti Colley, Nairobi

Congress guerrillas, who were appropriate actions against tortured in the organization's these individuals ... But we military prisons in Angola, said yesterday that at least five of those responsible for maltreating them were still highranking officials within the ANC's leadership, and that other detainees were still being tortured in prisons at camps in Tanzania and Uganda.

This claim directly contradicts a statement made by Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC's deputy chairman, who said last weekend that the officials responsible had been disciplined and dismissed from positions of authority.

The men also alleged that two mass graves in Pango prison in Angola contained the bodies of 14 ANC cadres who were murdered or died during interrogation.

Luvo Mbengo, Mr Amos commissar of the security Maxonglo, Mr Bandile Ketelo, Mr Zamuxolo Tshona and Mr Ronnie Masango — have ap-pealed directly to Mr Mandela to investigate further the activities of Mr Christopher Hani, Mr Joe Modise, Mr Mzwandile Piliso, Mr Lihlonono Moloi, and Mr Andrew of Kampala in Uganda. Masondo who, they claim, were directly involved in the torture and murder of ANC

"Nothing can be more treacherous than to allow such crimes to go unchallenged and They named nine other unknown," the five said in an officials who were arrested open letter to Mr Mandela. \*We know how difficult it is to accept these bitter but objec-

A local black activist said by

"They came from nowhere.

on the spot." Others were shot

• Coup threat: Right-wing

FIVE former African National moth the task is of taking also believe that our people's yearning for justice can only be competently secured by morally clean leadership.

The five are concerned that Mr Modise, who is still commander of the army and a member of the ANC's National Executive Committee, is to be a member of Mr Mandela's delegation to meet President de Klerk on May 2 for discussions on the country's political future.

Mr Hani is still chief of staff of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's military wing. Mr Piliso, who was the national chief of security, is now head of manpower and development and also a member of the NEC. Mr Moloi is still chief of operations, and Mr The former detainees - Mr Masondo, who was national wing in Angola, is now principal of Solomon Mahlangu

Freedom College in Tanzania. They also claim that rebel ANC cadres are still being tortured in prison at Mazimbu camp in Tanzania and Mbarara camp, about 95 miles west

According to them, the prison at Mbarara camp is run on similar lines to the notoriwhere they were detained for five years without trial.

and imprisoned with them at believe to be detained at

d'état (Gavin Bell writes).

Mr Piet Rudolph, the deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party, admitted he was responsible for the raid on the Air Force's armoury and declared: "This is the beginning of the counter-revolution. The weapons will not be used against the Defence Force or the police, but against the ANC. We are now going for the ANC's throat."

Mr Rudolph, who is being hunted by the police, made his statements in a telephone call to a local newspaper.

Three military personnel have been detained in connection with the robbery described as an "inside job" which was carried out over the Easter weekend. At least 70 advanced weap-

ons were stolen, including assault rifles, a light machine gun, pump-action shotguns and semi-automatic pistols. Night-sight equipment and thousands of rounds of ammunition were also taken.

Fears of a violent white backlash against President de Klerk's reform initiatives were fuelled by bellicose rhetoric at a right-wing rally at Krugers-dorp, west of Johannesburg. Mr Robert van Tonder,

Boerestaat's leader, warned that Mr de Klerk's policies "leave us Boere no other option but to take this land through violence, and possibly through a coup".

In any referendum to test white support for political reforms, he said, the Boers and other right-wingers would be defeated. "The Boere cannot go along with a referendum which gives the pink Cape and the British Natal a say in Boer affairs," he said.

Mr Eugene Terre Blanche, the leader of the paramilitary AWB (Afrikaner Resistance Movement), said a campaign by the far-right Conservative Party to solicit a million signatures for a petition against the Government would not force President de Klerk to call an election -"but they will hear us very clearly if the Boere assemble one milion guns".

Mr Leonard Veenendaal, the AWB leader in Johannesburg, meanwhile, has surfaced on the East Rand after escaping from police custody in Namibia, where he faces charges in connection with an attack on a United Nations office last year in which a security guard was killed.

Mr Veenendaal, who eing protected by AWB gr men, said he had come out of hiding "because the revolution is here". Newly independent Namibia's warrants of arrest are not valid in South Quatro and who they now Africa, and there is no extradition agreement between the two countries.

### IRAN AND THE BEIRUT HOSTAGES

### Rafsanjani in uphill fight to woo West and kidnappers

By Hazhir Teimourian

IF AN American hostage is freedom of a lone hostage, if it Khomeini, the manipulative freed today as promised by his comes today, will not percaptors, the Islamic Jihad for suade the outside world that his principal mouthpiece, the Liberation of Palestine, an era of moderation in the episode will be interpreted as proof that the writ of dawned, particularly after a President Rafsanjani of Iran delay of three months in does rum to at least parts of which even this group of south Beirut. The view may be kidnappers was able to ignore the President's repeated calls.

For more than three months, Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani and his principal mouthpiece, the English-language Tehran Times, had been calling for the freedom of the foreign hostages in Lebanon, but none of the extremist Muslim groups in the slums of Beirut paid any attention.

The President was fast losing any remaining credibility, and his men were becoming desperate, paying court to any second-rate Shia cleric in Lebanon they thought might have influence on the fate of the captives. Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani wanted all the Western hostages to be released together as a symbolic end to a decade of confrontation by Tehran with the world, and as the start of an era of co-operation.

His Government's muchpromised economic reconstruction programme, a fiveyear plan to run to 1994. supposedly went into operation last month but seemed to be largely a paper exercise. In its first year alone, the plan requires at least £9 billion in hard currency in the form of loans and foreign investments to supplement another £9 billion which the Government optimistically expects to earn

from oil and other exports. Yet as long as Iran is seen as a state led by terrorists, few people will commit money to it. Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani is particularly keen that the United States and Britain approve his application to the International Monetary Fund for an immediate loan of citizens for his jury, Mr Shelly

Iranian foreign policy has tashemi, the former Interior Iranian parliament.

It is likely that Hojatol-eslam Rafsanjani eventually succeeded in bringing about this limited change of mind on the part of the abductors through financial inducements, but more importantly, five of the eight US hostages held in Lebanon are believed to be in the hands of men controlled by his rivals for

son of the late Ayatollah, and Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Moh-Minister now a member of the

This so-called radical faction inside the ruling clerical establishment has announced that freeing the hostages would be surrendering to Western imperialism, and openly urges the Shia kidnappers in Lebanon not to heed President Rafsanjani's call.

In Tehran, patrols of armed Islamic zealots in the control of Hojatoleslam Khomeini and Hojatoleslam Mohtashemi denounce the President power, Hojatolesiam Ahmad as a US agent,

### Peking in warning on dissident radio ship From Catherine Sampson PEKING yesterday warned

Arms and the man: A Contra soldier in Yamales, Honduras, yesterday carrying assault rifles that the rebels are handing over to UN peacekeepers for destruction

right-wing Likud parties sepa-rately battling to lay the basis

for a new coalition govern-

Likud leader, yesterday came

under increasing fire for tak-

ing advantage of Israel's month-long political vacuum

to authorize the building of

four controversial new settle-

ments in the occupied West

Three of the settlements

were yesterday identified as Allon, near Kfar Adumim,

halfway between Jerusalem and Jericho; Dugit, near Beit

Lahiya in the Gaza Strip, and

Peat Sadeh, also in the Gaza

Strip, near the border with

Egypt. The fourth settlement.

as yet unnamed, is at Jericho,

settlements had been withheld

by Mr Yitzhak Rabin who, as

the Labour Defence Minister

in the now defunct national

unity government, was in

charge of the occupied ter-

that Allon was not a new

settlement but an extension of

Kfar Adumim, Mr Yehiel

THE Israeli Army yesterday

confirmed the existence of a

number of suicides in the

Israeli armed forces, but de-

nied accusations of a cover-up

from Mr Pinhas Goldstein, a

As the row over the Army

report broke, police in Haifa

said Shlomo Sharon, a 20-

year-old soldier found dead

with an M 16 rifle at his side,

had apparently killed himself.

The controversy over Army

Likud MP.

"secret" report on the growing

Settlers yesterday claimed

Permission to build the

on the West Bank.

ritories.

Bank and Gaza Strip.

ment, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the clearly a move to "grab" new

caretaker Prime Minister, act- land and was a "pointless

Shamir in trouble over

new Jewish settlements

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

WITH both the Labour and Leket, a Labour member of of land in often squalid con-

tion's settlement department,

however, said Allon was

Similar accusations were

made about Dugit, where

buildozers and tractors under

armed guard began this week

to level surrounding sand

dunes to prepare the site.

Labour sources said the new

settlement could only inflame

the situation in Gaza, the

nerve centre of the intifada,

where thousands of Palestin-

ians, many of them refugees,

are packed into a narrow strip

Cover-up claim on army suicides

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

themselves in 1989, twice as

many as in 1988. General Dan

Shomron, the Chief of Staff.

said the suicide rates were not

dissimilar to those among

conscription.

similar age groups in Western

None the less, some com-

Israeli phenomenon to the

psychological stress imposed

suicide rates surfaced at the trained for normal defence publication was being delayed

end of last year, when the duties but because of the Arab because certain "sensitive sec-

Israeli press reported that uprising are obliged to deal tions" needed "revision".

societies which did not have raeli men,

Tel Aviv

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deserve official funding.

the World Zionist Organiza- ditions.

other governments against of Democracy, the radiotransmitter flagship of the dissident movement in exile which is heading for China.

At a news briefing a spokesman said China would not tolerate assistance being given to the vessel, which the Government claims will broadcast

anti-communist propaganda. Asked about the possible use of force to stop the vessel, she said she could not comment, and her refusal fuelled speculation that China may attempt an armed attack.

China has criticized France for allowing the vessel to sail from a French port. The vessel's sponsors, Boat for China, are 19 French publications and the Paris-based Federation for Democracy in China. Once in place off mainland China next month. the vessel will broadcast news and rock music round-the-

clock. Those on board have complained that the vessel has been constantly shadowed by Chinese ships since starting out. The offices of Actuel, one of the sponsoring journals, was broken into last weekend and documents concerning the vessel and its mission were

● PARIS: Actual said yesterday that the stolen disks had been returned in a unfranked parcel delivered by a postman, (AFP)

### Defendant wins right to bar women from jury

From Robert Cockburn, Sydney

all women from his jury.

Mr Paul Shelly explained to court in Brisbane that it was Judge Fourneaux ruled judged by women and Judge Fourneaux duly agreed - to the subsequent outrage of legal and civil rights organizations. Queensland's Attorney

General has been asked to investigate the judge's decision, for fear that this seemeccentricity, will set a dangerous legal precedent. Mr Shelly was accused of

sending a threatening letter to Mr Mike Ahern, the former Queensland Premier. During the process to select the 12

ANY hint of Australia's tra- religious beliefs to be judged ditional male chauvinism fading in the late 20th century throughout the Bible. It's an was set back yesterday when a abomination of God. Man has Queensland judge agreed a been given the responsibility, defendant had the right to ban and therefore I need men to sit on the jury for me." Accepting his argument,

against his religion to be against a protest by the Crown prosecution that a potential juror had to be prejudiced to be excluded. Mr Dean Wells, the Queensland Attorney General, said later: "I think that any attorney general would have to take very seriously the determination by ing act of prejudice, or any court to declare that half of the human race couldn't appear on the juries."

Demanding the state take action against the judge's ruling, Miss Delma Osbourne, of the Queensland Women Lawyers' Association, said: "If we become excluded from the several billion dollars. But the | told the judge: "It's against my jury simply because we are

women, one of the basic civil rights is taken away. Our legal system works that you are judged by your peers, that is both men and women." Meanwhile, in Sydney sex

and jury service have caused a different kind of outrage which is also under investigation by the Attorney General of New South Wales. A prisoner has been released

from jail after allegations that the jury decided his fate while they indulged in a drunken party and a woman juror had sexual intercourse with the officer who was supposed to watch over them. The drunken festivities

emerged after a female court attendant reported the incident, saying that the officer concerned was "totally paralytic". The prisoner is now on bail

conviction.

pending an appeal against his



THE Sandinista Army of Nicaragua and the US-backed by the Sandinistas, the Contra rebels yesterday de- Contras are not expected to clared a formal end to their

nine-year war. They signed a definitive ceasefire, effective from noon yesterday, and agreed a demobilization plan for the insurgents which allows them to wait until a new government takes office next week before surrendering their weapons to United Nations eacekeepers.

The peace plan was announced at dawn after a gruelling night of negotiations between Contra leaders and the commander of the Sandinista Army, General Hum-berto Ortega, brother of the outgoing President Ortega — who had earlier warned of a stormy handover of power next Wednesday to the President-elect, Señora Violeta Chamorro, unless the rebels disarmed first.

The new agreement, which a source close to the talks described as a "face-saving" formula for the rebels, now smooths the way for a peaceful transition to the victor of February's general election.

Details of the deal were announced at the Managua headquarters of the Organization of American States by Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, head of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, who has agreed to join the OAS and the UN as supervisors.

The ceasefire came into force at noon, after which the Sandinista Army had two days to withdraw all security forces, except police, from seven designated "security" zones, each about 200 square miles.

The 5,000 to 8,000 rebels variously estimated to have moved inside Nicaragua from camps across the Honduran border in recent weeks are to enter the zones simultaneously with the Sandinista withdrawal, under the protec-

· In Jerusalem's Old City

yesterday, police were in-structed by Mr Yosef Harish,

the Attorney General, to evict

Greek Orthodox premises "to

But the settlers still refused

avoid further Christian-Jew

to budge, claiming they still had the right to appeal to the

Supreme Court. In a sinister

twist, the secret "Unified

Leadership of the Uprising

pronounced a "death sen-

tence" on the Armenian

businessman who sold the lease of the hostel to the

settlers through a Panama-

based company.

The businessman's family,

however, said he had been "duped" and had sincerely

believed he was selling control

of the premises as a protected

tenant, to a Christian Arab

named as Mr Nabil Nikola

churches in Jerusalem yes-

terday threatened to close all

Christian holy places in the

Holy Land for a month - a

potentially severe blow to

tourism - if the settlers

Some serve in units tackling

Arab terrorists in southern

Lebanon. Israeli psychologists

say that the experience of

suppressing the uprising has "brutalized" many young Is-

Mr Goldstein said the in-

quiry's findings were "grave",

chy of trying to prevent the

report from becoming public

continued to refuse to leave.

The main Christian

Sahnawi.

ish conflict".

uers occupy:

But in a crucial concession start turning in their guns to

the Blue Berets until next

Wednesday afternoon, several

hours after Señora Chamorro is scheduled to be sworn in. In a separate protocol signed only by them, the Contras undertook to complete their disarmament by June 10. General Ortega said that the Sandinistas had been flexible on this point in the deaths in the counter-revolutionary war, which began two years after the overthrow of

the Somoza dictatorship. But if the outgoing Government had given ground, so apparently had the rebels: there was no mention in several pages of detailed accords of the Contras' demand for a reciprocal demilitarization of their adversaries.

Señor Oscar Sovalbarro, alias Comandante Ruben, indicated that this and other conditions demanded by the rebels may be put later to the

General Ortega said that any Contras defying the plan by remaining under arms outside the security zones after next Wednesday would be regarded as outlaws.

### Turkey in tit-for-tat with Bonn

Ankara - Turkey, recalling 15 personnel from diplomatic missions in West Germany. requested Bonn to withdraw eight of its envoys in what retaliation (Rasit Gurdilek

The worst crisis in relations between the two Nato ailies was sparked last month by a West German television programme which said federal security services had uncov-ered 30 Turkish secret police (2) officials, posing as diplomats, spying on Turkish workers.

### WHO cash fear

Geneva — The US will cut off its \$78 million (£48 million) annual contribution to the World Health Organization budget if the Palestine Liberation Organization is admitted as a member next month, Dr Hiroshi Nakajima, the WHO

### Israeli raids

Beirut - Israeli fighter jets struck Palestinian guerrilla bases south of Beirut, killing two people. (Reuter)

### **Blast injury**

Madrid - A suspected Eta letter-bomb, addressed to the commissioner general of the 1992 World's Fair, blew off the left hand of a secretary in

First Aids death Suva - A woman, aged 32. became the first person to die

### of Aids in Fiji. (Reuter) Colombo offer

Colombo - The Sri Lankan Government said it was halting military operations against Sinhalese radicals to help the militants surrender. (.4P)

### Paris air threat Paris - Air traffic controllers

at two key centres near the French capital are to hold a one-day strike today, and some flights are likely to be affected, officials said. (AFP)

### Press strike

Sydney - Australian journalists began a 36-hour strike to protest at what they claimed was their employers' refusal to negotiate pay. (AP)

### Parrots no more Brasilia - An Iraqi diplomat choked two parrots to death at

the airport here after being stopped from boarding a flight to Baghdad with the birds, which are protected under Brazilian law. (Reuter)

# Escaped captive fears Renamo revenge

mentators have linked the and accused the army hierar-

on young Israelis who are knowledge. But the Army said

nearly 50 soldiers, many on with civil disturbances in the

national service, had killed occupied territories.

A BRITISH-born university professor, who escaped from Mozambican rebels at the

weekend after being held captive for two months, said here yesterday that he now feared for his life. Professor David Stephenson, aged 46, told a news conference he feared that external agents of the rebel

Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) would seek He and his fellow captive, Mr David Searle, a Zimbabwean industrialist, aged 40, escaped as their captors slept and walked for about 50

captors as a bunch of deceitful bandits bonded together by thieving and terrorizing civilians. He said he and Mr Searle escaped by crawling through scrub and over thorn bushes until their limbs were swollen and lacerated.

He admitted to being so terrified that "at times during the escape we could hardly move. We were aware that the slightest rustle would have awoken one of the sentries and we would have had a bullet

through our heads". He went on: "For about 50 hours we thought that we hours through the Mozambi- would not make it. The adren- rand here, were on their way

can bush to freedom on alingot to such a stage that we to visit a site in Beira when Saturday. He described his were boiling" They even- shots were fired at Mr Searle's tually managed to flag down a Zimbabwean army truck deployed along the Beira corridor to protect vital road, rail and pipeline links from Zimbabwe's border city of Mutare

The two men were abducted by Renamo at a bus stop near the village of Inchope, halfway between the Zimbabwean border and Beira, on February 16.

Mr Searle, a director of two Zimbabwean construction companies, and Professor Stephenson, head of the hydrology department at the

vehicle, forcing him to stop. The vehicle was later found abandoned, with bullet holes, on the side of the road.

The two men were interrogated by Renamo throughout their two-month captivity in the bush but were not hurt. Professor Stephenson said they were well treated.

The abduction of the two men caused a stir because it showed Renamo was canable of mounting an ambush in broad daylight, despite the presence of several thousand Zimbabwean soldiers de-University of the Witwatersployed to protect the vital Beira corridor. (AFP)

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# Meanings for all seasons

Philip Howard: new words for old

n the 2000s we shall be known by our words as well as our works. Will our generation be represented in the dictionaries by bimbo, yuppie and video-nasty, or by golden parachute and unbun-dling (Sir James Goldsmith's elegant euphemism for asset stripping), or by words as yet uncoined? Characteristic words can typify an age, as the French imports reign, royalty, rule, battle, strife and war signalled that the Normans had landed in the English language as well as on the Sussex beaches; and mini, in both its senses, as brief skirt and handy little car, symbolizes the Sixties.

Laser, nuke, axis, the Establishment and perhaps radius all sound to me like modern, 20th-century words. This just shows that there is nothing new in the dictionary --because they have been around, most of them for more than six centuries, in the tool-box of the English language, doing jobs and signifying meanings quite dif-ferent from their modern ones.

Axis, of course, meant the axis of the earth or the axie of a wheel long before Hitler made a political association and then a military alliance with Mussolini, and then Hirohito. But long before that, axis meant a fever. King James I of Scotland uses it in The Kingis Quair ("The King's Book"), written while he was a prisoner in England, in about 1424, the time of his marriage to Lady Jane Beaufort, who is the poem's heroine. C. S. Lewis called it the first poem in celebration of married love, although in fact there are German poems of this kind from about 1200, including a famous one by Wolfram von Eschenbach, Der helden Minne. The royal prisoner, lamenting his misfortune, sees a beautiful lady walking in the garden below, and is smitten. The metre has been known ever since as rhyme-royal, though it had previously been used by Chaucer in Troilus and Criseyde. The Kingis Quair is one of the works traditionally described as "Scottish Chaucerian". Here is James on axis:

Bot the began myn axis and turment, To sene hir part, and folwe I na

Six centuries before it was introduced to mean a way of amplifying light by squeezing out an extremely narrow and mono-chromatic beam, and an important if improbable component of Star Wars, laser was the Scottish way of spelling leisure. Here is Robert Henryson (1424-1506 give or take a few years), the dour but humane schoolmaster from Dunfermline, and another Chaucerian, in The

Bot, as God wald, it fell ane happy cace The Spencer had na laser for to byde.

Nouther to seik nor serche. And here is William Dunbar, the

orry about this. But for

fate's googly, you would at this moment have been

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remarkable theory, and poised,

your little hand in my big strong

one, to plunge into bottomless

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speculation.

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For centuries before it got its mathematical and other meanings, radius was used to mean radiant. William Dunbar again, in The Thrissil and the Rous:

A radius croun of rubeis scho

And seven centuries before nuclear bombs were invented, nuke was in English as a variant of nook or neuk, a corner or angular thing, of obscure but at any rate distinctly northern origin. Dunbar in The Dance of the Sevin Deidly

cryd Mahoun for a Heleand padyane; Syne ran a feynd to feche Makfadyane

And here is Gawin Douglas, yet another Scottish Chaucerian, translating the Aeneid:

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The locus classicus for the coining of the Establishment, as a social and political OBs' network. is Henry Fairlie in The Spectator of September 23, 1955. Well, here is George Eliot in delicious Daniel Deronda, in 1876: "This match with Grandcourt presented itself to him as a sort of public affair; perhaps there were ways in which it might even strengthen the Establishment." A later reference to a "match to be accepted on broad general grounds, national and ecclesiastical" shows that this is indeed our own dear Estab-lishment, pinned down by beadyeyed George Eliot (who had the rough personal experience of being put down but not out by several Establishments in ber time) a century before the first use recorded by the reference books.

I am not sure what morals we can draw from the appearance of these words centuries before their time (some of them six or seven centuries before), in a kind of King James version. One is that one should always speak softly and carry a big dictionary when pontificating about the English language. Another is that there can hardly be a new word in the English language that has not already been formed as a variant before in the permutations of the 26 letters of our alphabet. Another is that Q is a useless letter, imported by the Normans. Plain Angio-Saxon used cw. Another is that Scottish English is even richer in vocabulary and variants than English English - irritating though this may be to buildog Sassenachs - because it draws on more sources. And another is that those Scottish Chaucerians were proper poets, unduly neglected because wrongly deemed obscure or difficult or irrelevant. One of the losses in the school and university curriculum is that we And here is William Dunbar, the are reading less of Chaucer, Drygreatest of the Scottish den and Milton, let alone Dunbar and the jolly King James's boys.

Mary Warnock supports limited parental freedom to choose the sex of a child

# Boys and girls to order, and rightly

fter years of research using human embryos immediztely after fertilization in the laboratory, it has become possible to distinguish between male and female embryos within 36 hours of fertilization. There are many genetically inherited dis-cases which afflict only boys (haemophilis is perhaps the best known, but they include Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and others less common). A family with a history of such diseases could therefore now choose to have their children by means of in-vitro fertilization, using the wife's eggs and the husband's sperm, and selecting

only the female embryos to be implanted. It seems to me certainly right to allow a child to be born who will not suffer rather than one who will. I do not believe therefore that there are any moral objections that can be sustained to the use of the new techniques. Indeed, it was on the supposition that such techniques would be developed that the House of Lords voted overwhelmingly in favour of permitting research using human embryos up to 14 days from

beneficial outcomes would be possible has now been justified.

But there is much more research to be done. For example, female children may be carriers of the diseases that affect their brothers, so it is essential to continue research that will allow the diagnosis of female carriers at the embryonic stage. We should also continue to research into how to identify the genes responsible for these diseases, although this does not necessarily involve the use of whole embryos.

Three moral objections are raised against the new techniques of sex selection. First, there is the radical view that no fertilized embryo should be allowed to die, and that if in-vitro techniques are used at all, all fertilized embryos, male or female, defective or otherwise, should be placed in the uterus. This view is in effect incompatible with the continued use of in-vitro fertilization techniques, for no conscientious doc-tor could deliberately cause a woman to become pregnant with a baby likely to be diseased. People who hold these views should have nothing to do with in-vitro fertilization, and of course no one wishes to make them undertake it.

Second, it is argued that once rather than a girl, it is perfectly the procedures for choosing the possible to introduce regulations sex of a child become standard they will be frivolously used. It is generally assumed that couples would prefer boys, but in a society which does not limit the number of children a couple may have, I cannot see why. Some couples might choose to have a boy first to carry on their name, but most would choose to have a girl

thereafter, if they had the option. Moreover, it must be remembered that the sex of a child can be determined only outside the womb, which involves in-vitro fertilization. This is a relatively disagreeable and time-consuming process for the couple, especially the mother, and so far its success rate has not been very high. Until further research is done to improve the techniques, no more than a quarter of all attempts to implant the embryo fertilized in the laboratory actually result in a pregnancy. Most couples who want children will of course prefer to have them the ordinary way and take their chance.

But, in any case, if it is feared that people might whimsically decide to go through the risks and hazards in order to have a boy

to specify the family conditions under which sex selection will be permitted (and this in my view might properly include the selection of a male baby for those with hereditary titles).

Under new legislation, it is probable that a statutory body will be set up to issue licences not only for research, but for in-vitro fertilization clinics. Nothing could be easier, therefore, than to issue guidelines for ruling out frivolous applications for sex-selected babies. It could be stipulated that no application would be considered unless it were for the avoidance of a specified disease. Special cases could be considered by ethical committees. This should be

enough to allay people's fears. A third argument is sometimes put forward as a reason to restrict research that aims to eliminate inherited diseases. It is said that if genetically handicapping diseases were reduced, children who were nevertheless born handicapped would be regarded as "accidents" who managed to slip through some kind of eugenic net, and accordingly would be less cared for and more despised. I cannot

just as likely that if there were fewer severely handicapped child-ren, we could afford to take more care of them.

I cannot believe in a policy which lumps all disabled or handicapped people together as a class. and then aims to ensure that their numbers do not diminish. There is in reality no comparison between the child who is born deaf or with mild mental retardation, and one who is born with Tays Sachs disease or cystic fibrosis, who, to the acute distress of the parents. will lead a miserable and painful life for a few years and then die, still in childhood but without having enjoyed any of its

It is a disservice to those people who are disabled to use them as counters to halt the kind of research that will bring an end 10 such suffering. The prospect of ultimately eliminating some of these genetic diseases should be greeted with the kind of gratitude we properly accord to medical pioneers who have improved the quality of all our lives. Lady Warnock chaired the Com-

mittee on Human Fertilization, 1982-84

# Gorbachov moves from gamesman to gambler

James Sherr on a critical change in the Soviet duel with Lithuania

he sharp curtailment of Soviet oil and gas shipments to Lithuania is not President Gorbachov's first move to escalate the secession crisis, but it is his first gamble. For the past six weeks Moscow has applied pressure of the sort that is easily masked and easily reversed. To those who experience it, the seizure of government offices, printing presses and deserters is coercion. To the outsider, it is 'psychological pressure' and nothing more. So long as outsiders believe that, editorials will be written and warnings issued, but the business of improving East-

West relations will proceed.

By making good his ultimatum,
Mr Gorbachov has moved conspicuously from psychological to
material attack. What is conspicuous provokes. Mr Gorbachov doubtless hopes that he will provoke the Lithuanians to settle or at promise" which submits their claim of independence to the judgment of Soviet law.

But supposing his measures merely sharpen their appetite for resistance and sacrifice? To date, the Western public has been concerned but not stirred. This could change if food supplies dwindle for want of transport, and hospital wards close for want of electricity. Once it becomes an instrument of state policy, suffering can provoke as much outrage

as force. To all appearances, then, yesterday's events mark a further mishandling of the crisis. But so long as Lithuanians demand the restoration of their independence and the Soviet leaders wish to remain Sovier leaders, a mutually satisfactory resolution of the crisis is unlikely. If Gorbachov accedes to demands from Lithuania and other Baltic states, he risks fuelling cessionist sentiment throughout the Soviet Union. The risk arises despite a clear difference in principle between the situation of the

However, some have suggested Reltic republics and that of others. The difference is not that the Baltic states never consented to

join the Soviet Union. That is the similarity, for the Soviet Union has never been a voluntary union. As the Baltic states were abducted, so were Moldavia and the territories that now form much of western Belorussia and western Ukraine. Georgia did not volunteer for admission until its independent Menshevik republic was crushed by a Bolshevik inva-sion in 1921. Nor did the Turkic peoples of central Asia, where repression of the Basmachi insur-

gency continued until the 1930s. The difference is that the Baltic states were states up to the time of their abduction, internationally recognized (unlike Georgia) and in regular intercourse with other states for 22 years. Moreover, the instrument of de facto incorporation, the secret protocols to the German-Soviet non-aggression treaty of 1939, is regarded by the West - and now, it seems, by the having no legal foundation. So the Lithuanians are claiming

redress for aggression, and the restoration of independence, not its granting. Yet the issue continues to be cast in terms of selfdetermination, and Mr Gorbachov knows that if the Lithuanians succeed, others will seek to follow.

For this reason, too, the Lithuanians know that it is not in Mr Gorbachov's interests to help them. They recognize that he has picked a quarrel over means - the manner of Lithuania's secession to disguise a dispute over the end. If they trusted Mr Gorbachov's hints that a face-saving path to independence could be found, they would probably help him find it. Instead, what they see is a law on secession which is plainly a law against it. The law is proof enough that Mr Gorbachov would not use a five-year transition period to help Lithuania to the exit, but to bind it hand and foot.

that if only the Lithuanians were willing to compromise, they could remain in the Soviet Union in terms more favourable than they



would secure by leaving it. This one is entitled to doubt. Over the past five years, Mr Gorbachov has shown himself to be an integrationist rather than a devolutionist. His model of a Soviet federation is one that many non-Russians find even less attractive than Brezhney's. Where Brezhney tolerated diversity - and corruption - as the price of stability, Mr Gorbachov has purged, pruned and dictated. He has also sought to intensify the workings of an economic system long considered exploitative and ecologically ruinous. Today in the Baltic states, the Caucasus and Central Asia, he reads what he and his predecessors have sown. Although he is capable

of reversing course in his national-ities policy, he is compromised in the eyes of those he must convince.

This is certainly true in Lithuamia itself. Since March 11, when independence was declared, Mr Gorbachov's tactics have followed the classic pettern of discipline, coordination and undersandedress. The discipline has been manifest in the crafting of means which

would not compromise wider ends. This process began as long as a year ago, when "Tass correspondents" sought to gauge the limits of Western tolerance (occasionally in telephone interviews to conservative opinion leaders, raising the "hypothetical" question of what the response would be if force were

used). The lukewarm response of Western governments to the Tiananmen Square massacre, and their almost sympathetic response to the dispatch of troops to Azerbaijan doubtless sent signals as well. By the winter of 1989, Mr Gorbachov probably concluded that he would be safe if the coercion fell short of violence.

By this time, the real necessity for restraint was internal. As a Marxist, Mr Gorbachov knows that violence can have revolutionary consequences for those who use it as well as those who suffer it. The reliability (and strength) of Soviet security forces is far from limitless. A military ( coup de main in Lithuania is within Soviet power, but the battle would not be worth winning if it triggered explosions elsewhere in the Baltic states, Belorussia or the Ukraine, for if the battle became much larger, it might not be won. The result of these constraints

has been a strategy of force without violence. The strategy has several merits. For one, it was unexpected, confounding both the opponent and its potential supppressure to be administered in digestible doses. What stunned on Monday was routine by Thursday and could be augmented on Friday. Measures which would have met resistance if carried out at once were tolerated when introduced gradually. But the strategy had a drawback: it destroyed goodwill on the other side. Like all Leninist strategies, it aimed to produce agreement by manocuvre rather than by persuasion.

Within the past 24 hours, Mr. Gorbachov has not only intensified the pressure, but changed it. The change shows that Lithuanians have recovered their balance and been strengthened in their collective resolve. Yet it also illustrates the risks that Mr Gorbachov is willing to take to preserve the integrity of the Soviet Union. There is a great risk, for if the Lithuanians do not soon yield, Mr Gorbachov's East-West policy may suffer grave damage. And if Mr Gorbachov himself yields, he may encourage the very forces of dissolution he is aiming to defeat. The author is Lecturer in International Relations at Lincoln College, Oxford.

### simultaneous news that a big gun was being bolted together I opened the sash, and leaned out for a closer peer. When I say that a nest was under construc-

with the object of shooting an Iraqi on to the surface of Mars, that seven prisoners had legged it out of Gloucester chokey by shinning down knotted sheets, that the Japanese were about to produce a ship capable of travelling at 100 knots by virtue of giant magnets, that the Hungarian army had recorded an encounter at Tamaszentmaria barracks with giant extraa spokesman for young snookerperson Allison Fisher had declared that the only course now open to her was to infiltrate the circuit disguised as a bloke - it had suddenly occurred to me that the world was currently being organized by a couple of mischievous old was being collected. hacks formerly employed by The Wizard. How they had got their hands on the world was

Egyptian tomb and handed to the mad professor in their Sadly, I have been unable to pursue this to what would have been our mutual satisfaction. For, just as I was musing on exactly how long it might be before Mr Nicholas Ridley confessed that the bits of guttering recently shipped to Guam were indeed parts of a giant seebackascope, or that the true reason behind Vivian Richards's extraordinary outburst was that a small boy in the crowd had succeeded not only in imitating the great man's voice but also in throwing it 200 yards, a blackbird - almost certainly from Porlock - flew

past my dormer and drove all

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stumbled across in an old

The bird had a twig in its mouth; but not for long. As it alighted on the branch opposite my window, it dropped the twig. It looked down for a bit. Then it hopped over to a little heap of similar twigs and began beaking it furiously. Several of these twigs now fell out of the tree. The blackbird stared at what was left. Then it flew off.

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tion, I should not like anyone to be misled: the pitiful little pile stood in roughly the same relationship to the usual beakwoven miracle as a builder's skip does to Blenheim Palace, Most of the aggregate had no chance whatever of incorporation into a successful billet: there were sweetpapers here. bits of flex, a couple of corks, a wizened daffodil, and even the twigs were of obviously grossly incompatible girth. It was as if the blackbird were firing on half-instinct - some arcane force had urged it to begin collecting stuff, but left it with not the remotest idea of why it

The bird flew back. It had a little red lid with it, possibly a Smartie cap. It put it on the pile. It flew off again. The heart went out. This bird was in real trouble. Did it know what it was building wasn't a nest? Would it eventually bring a female back to this wobbling heap, stick her on it, expect gratitude, get a beak in its eye? Worse, would it bring back an equally dim female (nature has a way of peer-bonding), and would she deposit her eggs on the mound only to have them roll off? I saw the parents gazing down at their family beneath, sunny side up. and I was riven.

What should one do? Let nature take its course, or intervene? The garden is full of old nests, I could ladder one up, crawl along the . . .

I stopped there. Monitory neck-hairs had risen, just in time. Dopey Old Birdsnester Gets Come-Uppance as Limb Snaps ran the headline in my brain. Used to happen all the time, in *The Wizard*.

### Oxfam found wanting

he Charity Commissioners, who are already holding discussions with Oxfam about its increasingly political stance, will be interested to learn that the charity is about to launch a campaign to persuade the Government to impose sauctions against South Africa. This despite the Commission's rule that "the powers and purposes of a charity should not include power to bring pressure to bear on the government to adapt or alter or maintain particular line of action."

Oxfam will launch its campaign on April 29 with the publication of a report, Front Line Africa: The Right to a Future, which will call on the British government to join other Commonwealth nations in imposing sanctions. A spokeswoman for Oxfam says that the charity "hopes" that this will not get it into deep water. She points out that for the last six months the charity has been a member of the Southern Africa Coalition, an umbrella organization of about 100 groups that has supported the call for sanctions. The Oxfam campaign will also be endorsed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu when he delivers the annual Oxfam

lecture in June. Tutu will be in Britain to collect n honorary degree from Oxford University (something, it will be recalled, the dons voted to withhold from Mrs Thatcher). Needless to say, the move has provoked anger among supporters of South Africa, who were quick to point out vesterday that Oxform was meant to put food into starving

mouths not take it out of them. The Conservative MP John Car-lisle says: "In the absence of a social security system, people lose their jobs and homes, and need more charitable help from abroad. Asking for sanctions might make Oxfam feel better, but it makes Africans feel hungrier."

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### ieves & Hawkes of Savile

Row might seem a curious location for the party on Wednesday night to launch the film Mountains of the Moon, about the search for the source of the Nile, but there was a reason. On these premises, the body of the explorer David Livingstone, who is a character in the film, lay in state exactly 116 years before, when the shop was the map room of the Royal Geographical Society. One of the great man's descen-dants, also David Livingstone, was much in evidence, confiding that his famous surname came from his grandmother, "but we didn't want to lose it, so it was adopted by her descendants". His wife, Louisa, sported a ring of the explorer's, and Bernard Hill, the actor who plays him in the film. was symbolically presented with Livingstone's vice-consular hat, usually kept in a biscuit tin at the Kensington headquarters of the RGS. Robert Gieves, vice-chairman of the tailor's, engaged the explorer's descendant in earnest conversation. Unfortunately be was unable to utter the words, "Dr

Livingstone, I presume", as he

was unaware of his companion's

identity until too late. "I couldn't

believe it when he told me," he



### Out on bail

Press officers accompanying Foreign Secretaries on overseas tours are often required to act above and beyond the call of duty, but none more so than Andrew Burns, 46, who stands down today as head of the Foreign Office Press corps. Burns's colleagues still recall with admiration the occasion when he accompanied a party of journalists on a river voyage in Djibouti in the Horn of Africa. He was on the last leg of Sir Geoffrey Howe's Middle East tour and the boat started to sink. An admirer recalls: "Burns simply took off his shoe and bailed until they reached dry land." The Foreign Office was last night too busy feting Burns on his departure to confirm his shoe size.

### Silent film star

f proof is needed of how well Garbo guarded her privacy, look no further than the American Press, whose obituarists struggled to say anything about her beyond listing her film roles. Apart from the local off-licence manager retailing the number of

Stolichnaya and Scotch bottles delivered to her apartment, the papers have restricted themselves to multifarious accounts of "the Garbo I never knew". The doyenne of New York gossip col-umnists and breaker of the Trump divorce story. Liz Smith, was reduced to relating how friends had promised to introduce me to Garbo but it never happened." She almost met Garbo in Athens and almost met her again at a beach house on Long Island, but the nearest she got was through a pair of binoculars. The Washington Post managed to get a little closer. Its tribute by Daniel Schore consisted of an account of a fleeting exchange at a dinner party. He offered her some pleasantry; she replied "Oh really", and left. "What was Greta Garbo like in real life?" he asks. "Who knows." Who indeed.

### Cinema blues

ovie festivals arrive thick and fast in Paris, but besides this week's homage to Eric Rohmer and Ava Gardner, the city's fervent cinema-goers are also offered a commemoration of "Les Années Thatcher". Half a dozen British films from the past decade are running almost non-stop. The French view of the Britain of the Eighties will be formed by Distant Voices, Monty Python and the Meaning of Life, Prick Up Your Ears, Local Hero and what sounds suspiciously like an obituary for monetarism. Drowning By Numbers. Has our cinema industry no conventional or nuclear response to this - or none better than Allo

### A bigger beef

s bookshops all over Britain mark Green Book Fortnight, where is Britain's best known green, Jonathon Porritt, in this high-profile promotion? The answer is nowhere. The definitive environmental manifesto, The Coming of the Greens, by the director of Friends of the Earth has aroused the wrath of the fast-food chain McDonald's. Porritt is critical of their employment policies, which has led the Big Mac people to fire off solicitors' letters. Another victim is Karen Christensen, whose Green, Ecology also impugns the company's green credentials. A Mc-Donald's "corporate policy statement" affirms the company's concern for all things environmenal. Publishers have had no choice but to suspend distribution -

### Floating voters

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ne argument the whips did not employ in their efforts to head off last night's Tory backbench rebellion over Hong Kong passports is that the majority of the 50,000 Hong Kong Chinese, plus families, should prove Tory voters. At least one MP, Jerry Hayes of Harlow, has set up a Cantonese-speaking branch of his local Conservative constituency association. The branch is already cagerly recruiting among the 1,000 Chinese living in the Essex town. Haves is anxious to attract any Hong Kong Chinese granted entry to Britain to the delights of Harlow, He learning Chinese and, unsurprivingly, was not among Norman Tebbit's rebels last night.

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### IN PRAISE OF FOLLY

A day after the first interruption of oil and gas supplies to Lithuania, the Soviet policy of economic sanctions against the rebellious republic is already exposing Moscow to ridicule. Not only does the attempt to isolate Lithuania from the rest of the Soviet economy appear to have been carried out by bunglers; the design itself - for which President Gorbachov cannot escape responsibility must surely prove counter-productive, as is the norm with economic sanctions.

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From the moment that Mr Gorbachov decided, mercifully, not to use military force and thus risk his carefully nurtured detente with the West, the final outcome has been in little doubt. Economic sanctions are merely a face-saver. The consequences, as with all such sanctions, are drearily predictable. Already other Soviet republics have begin quietly to make themselves more self-sufficient, as an insurance policy for the future.

The Lithuanians' mood has visibly bright-ened. President Landsbergis has roused his people with words of Churchillian nobility: "Lithuania has suffered much graver hardship in the past, and if it must suffer this as well, it is not the worst thing that could happen to us." The Lithuanians' resolution will be severely tested in the coming weeks. Their creature comforts will be curtailed and they will no doubt be deprived of electricity and the use of their motor cars and all manner of other convenient things - though for once a Russian leader does not have General Winter on his

History affords few cases of successful economic blockades, and virtually none which were not supported by military force. Napoleon's grandiose blockade quite failed to bring Britain to terms; two battles of the "Atlantic this century taught the same lesson. .The attempt to starve the Germans into submission would also have failed if their sarmies had not been beaten in the field. It was. an American oil embargo against Japan which, "far from discouraging Japanese aggression," precipitated Pearl Harbor.

Sanctions in peacetime have been tried against Rhodesia and Panama with equal lack of success. Though South Africa may yet yield to the black majority, economic sanctions will have played no part in that result. The South African armaments industry, among others, owes its size and wealth almost entirely to an external arms embargo. The failure of sanctions to achieve anything against the Soviet Union itself — whether during the postrevolutionary period or, more recently, after the invasion of Afghanistan - ought to have brought home to Mr Gorbachov their funlity.

Indeed, there are grounds for believing that the Soviet blockade of Lithuania may actually speed the process of transforming its command economy into a market one. Before sanctions, Lithuanians had a choice between moving to a market economy and squandering their smplus resources by operating their branch of a centralized Soviet economy. Now the latter option is closed to them. Mr Gorbachov is doing Mr Landsbergis a favour.

Despite this, the West should not shrink from expressing its disapproval of Soviet conduct at every opportunity. Compared to a free-trading Lithuania which might have been a valuable example for perestroika in the Soviet Union, Mr Gorbachov's harassment may, if pursued to the bitter end, deprive the Baltic republic of the benefits of Western trade and investment. Whatever the short-term benefits of self-sufficiency under siege, in the long term free trade is always beneficial, protectionism undesirable and autarky still

None the less, all metaphors which depict economies "grinding to a halt" or being "strangled" by sanctions are misleading. At worst, an economy which is deprived of trade with the outside world - and Soviet threats still fall far short of that - must revert to a lower level of development by substituting the materials which are at hand for those which it can no longer import. Lithuania has a treasure which even the greatest rulers have generally found it expensive to underestimate; an able people, committed to their cause and ready nay, eager - to endure hardship. Such political realities will always triumph over economic ones. Sticks and stones - and guns - might have broken Lithuanian bones, but economic sanctions will never hurt them.

### **CAPITAL ERROR**

Any political problem needs only a minister to solve it: thus went the standard maxim of the old corporatism, whispers of which are now creeping back into public discourse. London is widely regarded as problematic. So what better, says Westminster Council's leader, Lady Porter, than a minister for London? Such a minister, with far-seeing officials and parliamentary clout, should end transport overcrowding, clear up litter, house the homeless and banish urban squalor.

Behind this ambition lie two superficially plausible arguments. The first states that only a dedicated minister can mobilize sufficient pressure on the Treasury to secure bigger subsidies for the capital. At present, London is just one city among many, forced to take its place in the budgetary queue with Glasgow and Manchester and Birmingham. Yet London's demands for resources, implies Lady Porter, -are of a different order. New lines for the Underground, cleaning up after tourists, caring for the rootless young drawn by London's magnetism, all make the capital a special case.

The second argument says that since the abolition of the Greater London Council. London is bereft of regional co-ordination. Whitehall is now, in effect, the co-ordinator. Why then not formalize this function within a proper ministry, rather than by ad hoc interdepartmental committees from the transport, environment, Home Office and arts ministries? Geography should triumph over function. London, after all, is a world city.

Certainly any visitor to the great cities of the north, and of Wales and Scotland, is struck by the huge investment in roads and housing they have received over the past two decades. Investment in London's infrastructure has been pairry in comparison to that of, for instance, Glasgow. But this has been the result of deliberate support for the regions. Much of it occurred when London did indeed have a fully-fledged, democratic strategic authority. Nor is there an overwhelming case for more resources to be directed specifically at London. with the possible exception of new Tube tunnels; which are constantly in the minds of transport ministers and their Treasury connterparts.

Ministers appointed as political gimmicks rather than in response to administrative requirements tend to fail: they have come and gone for disarmament, for science, for drought, for the north-east, for Liverpool Labour threatens a ministry for women, and is already etting it. Mrs Thatcher has appointed ministers for inner cities, to widespread Whitehall and political ridicule. Last year, a bizarre announcement was made appointing specific ministers to "oversee" seven inner cities, including one for London, Mr Colin Moynihan. They have sunk without trace.

London claims an enormous amount of Whitehall attention, some of it effective. Infrastructural improvements are now back on the agenda. Government has proved reasonably generous to the arts in London. Despite the shambles of the poll tax, a sensible policy has been pursued of devolving administration to the boroughs from the old GLC, taking local government theoretically out of reach of too much ministerial intervention.

Ministers appointed for cosmetic purposes tend to intervene cosmetically. They meddle rather than help. There are certainly problems left in the air by the abolition of the GLC, including the planning of tourism, green belt policy, care in the community and transport regulation. In such, strictly limited, areas London is the poorer for the lack of a strategic regional authority. But the answer is 10 consider what form such a (modest) authority might take, not to run crying to the nursemaids of Whitehall and Westminster.

### SICK AS A PARROT

The Football Writers' Association has decided to play it tight: a close passing game with a few men up front and a sweeper to mop up intruders at the back. It is in danger, however, of scoring an own goal.

The association has come to an agreement with the Football League. Under a one-year pilot scheme starting next season, the managers of the league's 92 clubs will have to submit to après-match press conferences, producing at least two players of mutual choice. Managers who decline may be penalized. The privilege of attending these occasions will be reserved for writers' association cardcarrying members. Barclays Bank, as the league's sponsors, are providing the cards.

The scheme has attractions for both parties. It will save football writers from hanging around in draughty corridors or rainswept car parks, damp notebook and ballpoint pen in hand, anxiously waiting for pearls of wisdom from Messrs Dalglish, Clough or Venables. Instead, they can stay inside a warm conference room, secure in the knowledge that the great men will be produced before them to

share their insights on the game. But that is not the point. The point is to protect the league against the "cowboy" journalist, the writer who might just confirm a widespread public suspicion that the footballing world is less than assiduous in setting rather unsavoury houses in order. The card is seen as a guarantee to vouch for the

"integrity" of the journalist. The experiment had its origins two years ago when relations between the league and the press reached a nadir. To what extent this was the fault of the press rather than the football authorities is clearly moot. How such a scheme can be said to be in the public interest is even

less clear. Under it, complaints by managers or players of misreporting or distortion may be referred to a disciplinary panel. The member-ship of this august body will include two representatives of the writers, two from the Football League, one from the league's executive staff association (which includes managers) and one from the Professional Footballers' Association. Sitting under the chairmanship of Mr Denis Howell, MP. a former sports minister and referee, the panel could discipline a football correspondent, even to the extent of withdrawing his Barclaycard.

Professional bodies vary widely in size, shape and scope, from those which regulate entry to those which simply exist as social clubs. Some seek to raise the standards of their craft, others protect the interests of their members, others guard against innovative or inconvenient outsiders. It is one thing to encourage excellence or to operate a voluntary code of conduct which guards against the rapscallion and the knave. It is quite another to form a closed society in alliance with those on the "other side".

In this case the disciplinary committee which will sit in judgement on alleged miscreants (and could clearly damage their careers) will have a majority from the sport's administration. That the FWA could agree to such a plan is astonishing. Not even the muchmaligned Westminster lobby subjects itself to

such boss-eyed oversight. By all means raise the football writer's status - not to mention standards of football playing and management. But by creating a cosy condominium, the association risks damaging its craft. If they cannot come in from the cold without forfeiting their independence, football writers had much better stay out in the car park.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### UK ahead on **EC** obligations

From Mr Kenneth J. Forder Sir, Ronald Butt (April 11) dis-cussed why the United Kingdom is apparently dragging its feet in whole heartedly embracing all the requirements of the EC. The most important characteristic of the relationship between the United Kingdom and its 11 fellow member states is not that Britain is slow in taking on its obligations, but that it is too conscientious and painstaking about fulfilling what it has committed itself to do.

I represent the competent authority for the administration of the architects' directive which came into operation in August, 1987. The United Kingdom, having signed acceptance of the directive, immediately introduced legislation to introduce it almost dead on time, the first of the 12 member states to do so.

Nearly three years later three of those states (although they signed the directive along with the others) have still not put their obligations into practice. Professional men who come to this country from those three states are being reg-istered for practice in this country, whereas British professional men going to their countries are facing a blank refusal. All the indications are that this sort of approach is quite widespread and not restricted to the architectural pro-

Yours etc KENNETH J. FORDER (Registrar), Architects Registration Council of the United Kingdom, 73 Hallam Street, Wi.

April 11.

### Timing of exams

From the Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference Sir, For sheer perversity, the letter from the chairman of the Joint Council for the GCSE (April 16) takes some beating. No one quarreis with his list of main concerns; they were the main concerns of the erstwhile GCE and CSE boards. It is his other assertions which defy credibility.

The bulk of the timetable does not fall in June; it falls in May. Most candidates will have finished most of their exams before the May Bank holiday. Some schools break up at the end of June precisely because of the timing of the GCSE examinations. To claim the reverse is to place a most unwelcome cart in front of a very angry and frustrated horse. Yours faithfully, DAVID JEWELL, Chairman,

The Headmasters' Conference, Haileybury, Hertford. April 17.

From Mr Geoffrey Peake Sir, Enrolments for examinations are now required so early, often immediately after Christmas, that it is impossible for the student and/or tutor to assess properly their chance of success in the summer. As a result, there are frequent cases of students not turning up for examinations, something which can turn out to be quite a costly business for the individual, educational institution and local authority, depending on who is paying the not insubstantial fees. Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY PEAKE (Open learning co-ordinator), Tameside College of Technology. Beaufort Road, Ashton-under-Lyne. Tameside, Greater Manchester. April 17.

### Hardback novels From Councillor C. W.

Wyatt-Millington Sir, The recent decision by Cambridgeshire County Council to reduce the purchase of hardback fiction (letter, April 9) does not mean that we will buy "almost no hardback fiction".

Our new computer stock-control system in larger libraries shows that nearly 50 per cent of adult fiction issues are already taking place through the use of paperbacks, and in order to make savings a decision has been taken to reduce the number of hardback fiction titles rather than affect the whole range of material purchased.

We are aware that many titles may never appear in paperback and £100,000 will still be spent on hardback fiction. Yours faithfully, C. W. WYATT-MILLINGTON

(Chairman, Libraries and Arts Service Advisory Group). Cambridgeshire County Council, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge. April 12.

### Final chapter? From Mrs H. E. Perkins

Sir, I was disturbed to read the view attributed to an official of the School Examinations and Assess. ment Council (SEAC), as reported today (April 6), that Since so much of English literature is

covered in National Curriculum English there would hardly be enough left over to justify an examination in a separate subject.

This is plainly ludicrous. How

can such a rich and varied heritage of literature, which extends back as far as the 10th century and Beowulf, be swept aside so easily and be said to offer "little scope" for study? Can the SEAC really believe that the intricacies of the English language and 1,000 years of literature can be adequately covered in one GCSE paper? If they do, then one can only assume that their education was as lacking as the one they now advocate for future generations.

### Physical dangers in cocaine use brain and can only be maintained

From Professor G. G. Nahas
Sir, Your leading article of April
10, quoting "conventional opinSuch effects 1 ion", appears to equate cocaine with tobacco and alcohol. Such an equation is at variance with current scientific knowledge. Cocaine, in amounts currently used by cocaine consumers, will produce the following changes in heart and brain:

I. A narrowing of coronary vessels which results in acute and chronic damage to the myocardium. Episodes of myocardial ischemia (lack of oxygen delivery to the heart) have been recorded in former cocaine addicts for 10 days after abstinence from the drug. 2. A narrowing of cerebral blood vessels of the brain, with a decrease in flow through frontal and parietal lobes. These changes are measurable for 10 days after cocaine abstinence.

An impairment of basic brain biochemical mechanisms in areas of the brain controlling reasonable coherent behavior. These changes, which curtail the exercise of free will, are persistent, and have led to episodes of dementia.

All pharmacologists recognize that cocaine is the most reinforcing drug known to man, e.g., capable of inducing a dominant, compulsive, drug-seeking behavior in just about any individual, even after limited exposure. Cocaine releases in brain and body substances related to adrenaline; these can reach damaging concentrations, while imparting an exhibitating feeling of rewarding activity which is imprinted in the

### Drug education

From Dr Harith Swadi

Yet those of us who know adolescents well also know that part of being an adolescent is the willingness to live dangerously. Furthermore, it has been said that if you want adolescents to do something, tell them not to do it. That may be an exaggeration, but there is some truth in it.

Another possible objective is to

tween propaganda, which can be counter-productive and educa-tional campaigns. If the proposed campaign is anything like those we have known before, then it will may win a few votes.

family psychiatrist), Medway Health Authority, Department for Child and Family Consultation, Eimsleigh, 118 Maidstone Road, Chatham, Kent. April 12,

From Mr Matthew O'Keeffe Sir, One of the main arguments drug prohibitionists continue to use is that at least young people are protected by prohibition. In fact, decriminalisation would destroy the "forbidden fruit" appeal whereby certain young people may be attracted to drugs precisely because they are illegal. Increased availability would make drugs seem less glamorous.

children directly in the narcotics

### War horses

From Sir Ronald Lindsay Sir, The hoof which we have inherited in the fourth generation (letters, April 4, 16, 18) is in-scribed merely "in memory of a faithful servant 1877". Its owner was ridden by my great-grand-father, Major-General Alexander Lindsay, who commanded the Artillery in the Second Afghan

He must presumably have known Lord Roberts's Arab charger, Vonoiel, who was decorated by special permission of Queen Vic toria with the Kabul medal with four clasps and with the Kabul-Kandahar Star, as illustrated by Charles Furse in the Field-Marshal's book, Forty-One Years in India.

Yours faithfully. RONALD LINDSAY. Courleigh, Colley Lane, Reigate, Surrey.

War.

### I would leave the argument with Jane Austen:

"And what are you reading, Miss -"Oh! it is only a novel! ... or, in short, only some work in which the greatest powers of the mind are displayed, in which the most thorough knowledge of human nature, the happiest delineation of its varicties, the liveliest effusions of wit and humour are conveyed to the world in the best chosen language."

Yours faithfully HILARY E. PÉRKINS, 26 Carbery Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemoudi

(Northanger Abbey).

From Mr Nigel G. Clark Sir. Your front-page report of April 6 surmised that the "Eng Lit set book' has been responsible for introducing generations to the greatest writers in the language". That may be so, but I cannot agree

Such effects have not been observed with the use of tobacco, or alcohol in small doses. To claim cannabis is "less harmful" than they are is to overlook all of the studies which demonstrate impairment of memory and psychomotor performance caused by this drug. Retrospective studies have also linked chronic cannabis use with schizophrenia.

Illicit addictive drugs are much more harmful to man and society than tobacco or small doses of alcohol, and there are sound reasons to interdict their use, except for medical purposes. Throughout history, control of illicit addictive drugs has only been achieved by interdiction measures (in contrast with the British practice of providing heroin to registered heroin users, which was far from successful). Between 1910 and 1960 in the

United States, Egypt and Europe, and between 1950 and 1990 in Sweden, Japan and South-east Asia, these interdiction measures were based on a general consensus of social refusal of addictive drugs, initiated and supported by an enlightened leadership, which at that time also included The

Yours etc., GABRIEL G. NAHAS, College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University, Department of Anesthesiology, New York, NY 10032, USA. April 12.

trade. Drug dealers have come to mutually advantageous arrange-ments with teenagers in many

American cities; juveniles have little to lose if caught, and thousands of dollars per week to

By outlawing drug trafficking, government has moved it into the hands of criminals, men who care

little about the age of their clients.

We should fine-tune our legal

arrangements more subtly. Age-stratified legalisation could seg-

regate the very young from drugs in a way the present black market

Sir, The proposal (report, April

10) to carry out random urine tests

for illicit druga on pupils at several

public schools ignores important technical advances in this field. Urine tests reveal only what a suspected user has taken during

the previous few days. Specimens

must also be passed under direct supervision if cheating is to be avoided; this is undignified, time-

consuming and genuinely difficult

Fortunately, most illicit drugs are taken up by the hair during its

growth and can be detected even

several months later, depending

on hair length. Hair-testing can

show not only whether a given

drug was ever used but also the

The potential applications (and

abuses) of this technique are

pattern and intensity of use.

Yours faithfully, MATTHEW O'KEEFFE,

Jesus College, Oxford.

From Dr Colin Brewer

gain as couriers.

Sir, The Government is yet again embarking on a grand advertising campaign (report, April 10), hoping to curb the demand on drugs. What can be the purpose? Most probably to scare young people

supply young people with in-formation regarding drugs. There is ample evidence that we can supply them with as much information as we like. They may even pick it up. But, at the end of the day, it will make no difference to whether they will, or will not, try

We have to differentiate be-

Yours sincerely, H. SWADI (Consultant child and

obvious. Apart from schools, it should make it much easier to detect drug use in athletes. It has also enabled courts to give greater consideration to non-custodial sentences for drug-related offenders if hair-testing is made one condition of a probation order. Yours etc.. COLIN BREWER (Medical Director), The Stapleford Centre, 25a Eccleston Street,

It is prohibition which involves

### Charitable trusts

Belgravia, SW1.

April 17.

From Mr Peter Marshall Sir, Mr Edgar Palamountain (April 6) is concerned by how few charitable trusts have been founded over the past decade compared to the number of new rich. With a view to redressing this imbalance, eight northern-based trusts have launched the Northern Initiative, focusing on the rewards of philanthropy — the practical benefits for the beneficiary and personal benefits for the benefactor.

> We have instigated the creation of 12 new trusts. There is clearly a need for similar initiatives in other parts of Britain. Yours sincerely, PETER MARSHALL (Co-ordinator). The Northern Initiative, Netherwood House.

Ilkley, West Yorkshire. April 12.

heritage.

that the current system endears the nation's youth to its literary

I, for one, do not hold fond memories of my English literature course. For me, being forced to read specific books, and then complete written analysis and comparisons of those works, removed all the enjoyment.

Long after completing my course, all that George Orwell's 1984 and Shakespeare's Julius Caesar meant to me were feverish Sunday evenings, while scrabbling to complete the next day's essay.

The great works of English literature are there to be discovered and enjoyed, and encouragement should be given to that end; but not necessarily within the current system. The primary aim should not be to pass an exam. Yours faithfully, NIGEL G. CLARK,

Lawrie Park Road, SE26.

8 York House,

### Background link to Iraqi gun?

From Sir Peter Tennant
Sir, The story of the Iraqi monster
gun goes back to the Second
World War when the Saar
Rochling establishment developed the Hochdruckpumpe (highpressure pump) with a barrel of
150 feet. It had paired sid
branches like herring bones at
intervals along the barrel in which intervals along the barrel in which were explosive charges fired in sequence automatically to boost the shell to a muzzle velocity of

4,500 feet per second. The barrels were not rifled but the shells were winged like rockets to give them stability. The firing was a hazardous business as the barrels blew up from time to time, but the missing part could be easily replaced due to the sectional design of the barrel.

The plan was to site five of these guns near Calais, trained on London 85 miles away. Fortunately, with the help of intelligence from the French Resistance the RAF was able in 1944 to bomb the first gun out of action before its test firing. The Canadians uncovered the weapon in their advance along the Channel coast.

Later tactful approaches were made to de Gaulle suggesting it would be a helpful gesture to Anglo-French relations to dismantle the gun. There was no response. I have no idea whether it still exists as a museum piece or has been buried with other memories of those gruesome times.

Yours sincerely, PETER TENNANT, Blue Anchor House, Linchmere Road, Haslemere, April 16.

From Mr J. B. Blacklock Sir, In your conjectural drawing of the Harp super-gun (April 14) I was intrigued to see that the human figure chosen to dem-onstrate the relative scale of the "glide missiles used" was a female

Is this to become a trend? One has, to be sure, become uncritically accustomed to seeing a male figure (whose height we were to assume to be six feet) standing alongside various artifacts as a guide, but that multiple-payload missiles could best be judged in proximity to a matron in skirt, woollen jumper, and sensible shoes seems startlingly innovative, not least since she wears the sort of Gioconda smile normally to be seen in classified advertisement pages upon the lips of ladies whose lounges have just been double-glazed or who are satisfied with their surgical stock-

One further problem: how tall are we to assume her to be? May we hope to see a diagram in which consort, whose height we know for purposes of comparison and future reference? J. B. BLACKLOCK,

Bank Cottage Queen Street, Stradbroke, Suffolk. April 14.

From Dr A. W. F. Edwards Sir, In view of the recent discussion about firing satellites into orbit with a gun, this Cambridge examination question may be of interest:

Suppose a body thrown from an Eminence upon the Earth, what must be the Velocity of Projection, to make it become a secondary planet to the Earth?

The year of the exam was 1785. Yours faithfully. A. W. F. EDWARDS Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. April 17.

### O to be in London . . . From Frau Doris Meyer

Sir. This is a love-letter to London. If I have not been in London for two years I simply must go there again. I can't really say what attracts

me most. Is it the large number of interesting buildings, the muse-ums, the variety of theatres, fairs, shops? Thank heavens that Piccadilly

has not deteriorated to the level of the Champs Elysees, where fastfood restaurants and low-price shops prevail at every corner.

I hope that the marvellous public conveniences in the centre of London will not be converted into sterile computerized cubicles as in Paris.

And the people of London ... one is still being greeted "Good morning", "Good afternoon" this is a delight to hear.

Everyone seems to mind their own business, in the Tube the eyes so fixed on the newspaper that it seems as if a heart attack would hardly be noticed. However, everyone seems to be instantly helpful if asked.

As I said before, I simply must go there. I have already booked for a few days' stay in May. Sincerely.

DORIS MEYER. Elfenbeinweg 35. 2 Hamburg 65 (Wellingsbüttel), West Germany. April 12

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### COURT CIRCULAR

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE

1931 19. The Queen was represented by Mr Charles Lucas (Deputy Lieutenant for West Sussex) at the Funeral of Sir Geoffrey Harrison (formerly fordinary and Plenipotenry at Moscow) which was held Goly Trinity Church, Lower seding, Horsham, today.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a screening of the film Odette at the National Film Theatre, South Bank, London, SEt to mark the Centenary of the birth of Herbert Wilcox. Of Lieutenant Colonel Sean

O'Dwyer was in amendance. The Princess Royal left Gatwick lastport, London this afternoon of New Zealand, where Her Horn Her Her Her Hoyal Highness will attend the London Anniversary ANZAC Day Ommemoration

Mrs Andrew Feilden and the Hon Mrs Louloudis were in

CLARENCE HOUSE

April 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this morning at the Colditz Associ-ation Reunion at the Imperial War Museum.
Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir
Martin Gilliat were in

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 19: The Prince of Wales
received the Secretary of State in attendance.

for the Environment (the Right Hon Christopher Patten, MP), the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (the Right MR) Mr. Hon John Gummer, MP), Mr Communities Commissione for the Environment) and Mr Ray MacSharry (European Communities Commissioner

The Princess of Wales, Patron. the Gninness Trust, attended a Centenary Lunch at NatWest Hall, Old Broad Street, London

Mrs Max Pike and Licuten-ant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 19: Princess Alexandra
this afternoon opened St Mary's
House for the Elderly, a home
run by the Grace and Compassion Benedictines at Preston
Rest Avenue Princeton and was passion Benedictines at Preston Park Avenue, Brighton, and was received by Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, Her Majesty's Lordant for East Sussex.

Afterwards, Her Royal High-ness opened the new Convales-cent Rest Building of the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund at Marine Court, Littlehampton and was received by Major-General Sir Philip Ward. Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West

### Archaeology

### Sailing ahead with choice of sealants

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

have found that a 700 year-old applications of waterproofing ship recovered from the putty and caulking," Mr Li caulking material. A putty from the oil of the t'ung tree made from plant oil was used.

This was either applied. Fujian coast was waterproofed itself or it was mixed with jute fibres or bamboo shreds.

The ship, itself a unique survival of the late Song Dynasty (AD960-1279), was found about 15 years ago in the harbour of Quanzhou, and it has now been conserved and placed on display in the local

Mr Li Guo-qing, writing in the International Journal of Nautical Archaeology empha-sizes that "the vessel provides a unique opportunity to study Chinese maritime technology: the hull planks were joined in a very complex pattern using a combination of clinker and carvel methods," and up to three kinds of scarf joint were

Of equally great interest, however, is the t'ung putty used for the seams, to fill erevices on the hull, and cover the shipwrights recognized the

CHINESE archaeologists necessity for three different

mixed with pigments to make artists' colours, and is technically a glyceryl ekostearic which polymerizes to become a tough waterproof membrane after boiling with metal oxides. The t'ung is mixed with lime made from burnt oyster shells to make the putty. The seams of the vessel

were caulked with chu-nam, a mixture of the putty and fibres of ramie, a sub-tropical species of jute. Ramie bundles of less than a millimetre in diameter were prepared by pounding and tamming.

The pure putty was used to seal the heads of the iron nails that held the planks together. The nails were recessed into the wood, and the hole filled with putty, preventing air and water from corroding the

Source: International Journal fasteners. "It is apparent that of Nautical Archaeology

### **OBITUARIES**

### ADMIRAL SIR FRANK HOPKINS



Admiral Sir Frank (Henry Edward) Hopkins, KCB, DSO. DSC, DL, who has died in Hawaii aged 79, was until his death the senior surviving naval aviator and was qualified both as a pilot and an observer. He was born on June

FRANK Hopkins joined the Royal Navy in 1927 from the Nautical College, Pangbourne, and from then until the outbreak of the Second World War he served in HM ships London, Tiger, Whitehall, Vortigern and Winchester. After training as an observer, he sailed with the aircraft carriers Courageous and Furious. During the war he served with conspicuous gallantry and endurance in many theatres of operation.

In 1940 flying from shore bases in England he was engaged in bombing and min-ing raids, in attacks on enemy shipping and protection of convoys and in cover of the evacuation from Dunkirk. Thereafter he joined HMS Formidable and moved to the Mediterranean in late 1940. He continued with 826 Squadron and in 1941 was awarded

Matapan among other hazardous operations.

remitting and strikingly Air Warfare in the Admiralty successful operations from and commanded a number of Malta, itself under aerial ships, the biggest, most excitbombardment by the Gering and satisfying being HMS mans, against enemy ships Ark Royal in 1956. attempting to reinforce Rommel's army in North Africa. in 1960, he became the Flag For this performance of Officer Flying Training, then outstanding courage, determ- Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers ination and endurance he was in 1962 and, as a Vice-awarded the DSO in 1942. Admiral, the Fifth Sea Lord

Washington he qualified as a Staff in 1963. pilot in 1944 and was then lent During his to the U.S. Pacific Fleet serving in the carriers Intrepid and Hancock and witnessing the defeat of the Japanese

in Washington, this time as Assistant Naval Attaché dur-ing which he was awarded the United States Legion of Merit

In 1950 as Commander(Air)

mentioned in despatches. Later in the year he was

He then took command of promoted to Captain in which 830 Squadron and led un- rank he served as Director of Promoted to Rear-Admiral

After a tour of duty in and Deputy Chief of Naval

During his time on the Admiralty Board he was beavily involved in the unhappy confrontation with the Royal Air Force for the sur-Two years on the directing staff of the Naval Staff College were followed by another than the staff college were followed by the staff college were followed by the staff coll

the decision went against the Admiralty Board in 1966 his inclination was to resign along with the First Lord and the First Sea Lord. He was dissuaded on the grounds that he Dartmouth and half in Hawaii of HMS Theseus he played a could do more good by staying where he died.

the DSC and mentioned in large part in the successful than by going. His last despatches for daring attacks operations of her air group in appointment before retiring in on the Italian fleet off Cape the Korean War and was again 1967 was as Commander-in-Chief Portsmouth in the rank of AdmiraL

> He had been appointed CB in 1961 and KCB in 1964. He retired to Dartmouth in Devon where he indulged his love of sailing and he was elected a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron. In 1982 he was appointed Deputy-Lieutenant for Devon.

Frank Hopkins was an extraordinarily modest and a rather private person. He had great charm and was the personification of kindness. yet he was a brave and determined fighter both in war and peace. He always led from the front and his thoughts were constantly for those who followed him.

In 1939 he married Lois Barbara and one year after she died in 1986 he married Georgianna Priest, who was the widow of an old friend of his in the United States Navy. They spent half the year in

### GEORGE BOLSOVER

George Henry Bolsover, CBE, who was Director of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London, from 1947 to 1976, died aged 79 on April 15. He was born on November 18, 1910.

GEORGE Bolsover's life-long interest in Russian history and foreign policy began as an undergraduate at Liverpool University. His London doctoral thesis in 1933 on Great Britain, Russia and the Eastern Question, 1832-1841 established him as one of the leading young British scholars

A period as assistant lecturer at Manchester University was followed by service in the British Embassy in Moscow between 1943 and 1947, latterly as head of the Russian Secreturiat.

He returned to academic life as Director of the London Hayter programme. University School of Slavonic and East European Studies in 1947, a post he held until his retirement in 1976, contending with fluctuating national and university policies towards the study of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

In the 1950s he created and administered the London Joint Services School for Linguists, one of the largest amd most successful schools for training interpreters ever organised in the country. Its output of linguists pro-

vided the manpower for a rapid expansion of Russian in British secondary schools, polylechnics and the universities in the 1960s and 1970s. He was also involved in

extending Russian and Soviet studies at universities into the

social sciences through the

As director of the School of Slavonic Studies his aim was to produce an academic atmosphere in which serious scholarship could flourish. He developed its library into a major national specialized collection.

Despite the burden of administrative duties, Bolsover published important articles on Russian diplomatic history, chiefly in the School's Slavonic and East European Review.

He had a warm interest in people and their problems and a particular regard for students and their welfare. He was appointed CBE in 1970. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie, whom he had married in 1939, and one

### **GRETA GARBO**

Adrienne Corri oritan

THE way to meet Garbo (obituary of April 17) was to shop at the same grocer's. For two years we became friends on our meetings over the qualities of grapefruit or paragus at our local the early 1960s when I was working in the theatre there. that I was an actress or that I her, were no make-up and was artichokes".

edgeable about vegetables and coat, flat shoes and a brimmed often removed from my shopping objects that she thought unwisely chosen, and lectured

me about being more careful. The manager of the store knew very well who she was, Gristedes on 52 East St. in but kept a discreet silence and New York. This was during I enjoyed my meetings too much to risk losing them.

She was still very beautiful,

recognised her, she was knowl- invariably dressed in a rain-

I longed to ask her about her films but knew that would be the end of our acquaintance. so I reckoned that meeting her as one housewite to anot was better than not at all.

After all, it is not everyone who can say: "Today Queen I never dared to mention if that word could describe Christina recommended the

### FRÉDÉRIC ROSSIF

Frèdèric Rossif, the director of Mourir & Madrid and other notati a manita da don origina, notable compilation films, died aged 67 on April 18. He was born in Cetinje, Montenegro, on August 14, 1922.

COMPILATION film-making is an under-valued art, and Frédéric Rossif was one of the genre's most astute practitioners. He first learned his trade working for French television during the Fifties, editing and producing documentary programmes, but it was his cinema films that secured his international reputation.

Mourir à Madrid (1963), his second cinema feature, achieved remarkable box-office success within France, and won much acclaim world-wide. Using contemporary newsreel footage culled from archives in six countries, Rossif presented a masterly review of the Spanish Civil War, from its origins under the Second Republic to Fran-co's consolidation of power by co's consolidation of power by the conflict's end in 1939.

Rossif's bias was towards the Republican side, though his viewpoint emerged through implication rather than strident statement.

He brought the war's key moments visibly back to life: the defence of Madrid; the destruction of Guernica; the Battle of Guadalaiara. His archival researches also threw up a wealth of poignant im-

ages, from a ship's flag embluzoned with Carlos Marx to the spectacle of Basque priests roped together, walking to

This was no dry center through history; Rossif's mosaic of footage, coupled with the quietly-impassioned com-mentary, seemed to pull the viewer right inside the cataclysmic events and fierce

The Spanish authorities frowned on the film. Elsewhere, Rossif's film was warmly welcomed; it reached British cinemas as To Die in abortion haze. also incorporated into the ing style showed his awareness

None of Rossif's other films ents lay elsewhere.

was distributed in Britain, though he notched up several successes in France, Le Temps du ghetto (1961), his first cinema feature after various shorts, powerfully mixed Nazi footage of the Warsaw ghetto with Holocaust survivors talking in close-up. La Révolution d Octobre (1967) surveyed the 1917 Russian Revolution on its 50th anniversary.

In Un Mur à Jerusalem (1968) Rossif explored Zionism and the creation of Israel: Pourquoi l'Amerique (1969) examined American life between the world wars.

History was not Rossif's only interest: the animal kingdom proved a continuing fascination. Les Animaux (1963) - more a scrapbook than a coherent film — covered the gamut from amoebas to elephants, and took side-swipes at man's crucity to beasts in the wild. La Fête sawage (1976) continued the theme.

Rossif ventured outside his specialty in Aussi Loin Que l'Amour (1971), a fictional drama about a bird-watching professor on vacation and a young girl drifting in a post-

Madrid in 1967. Excerpts were Rossif's fragmented shootopening montage of Fred of French New Wave manner-Zinnemann's 1964 Holly- isms, but audiences were not wood production Behold a entired, and the film only Pale Horse.

Behold a entired, and the film only proved that Rossif's true tal-

### SCIENCE REPORT

# Artificial toxin used to fight yellow

AN ARTIFICIAL version of a researchers can make a good mouse cells not just with a totally harmless to mice. It scorpion toxin gene could be a guess at the structure of the gene, but with what amounted became clear that the structure toxin's activity. Nerve toxins powerful new weapon in the war against the yellow-fever mosquito Aedes aegypti.

The problem with natural toxins is that they are nearly always uneconomic to develop commercially. The venom of the scorpion Androctonus australis, for example, is a cocktail of toxins, each one made of protein, that paralyse both insects and mammals. The toxin that exclusively affects insects makes up less than I per cent of the proteins in the venom, and scientists would have to squeeze a lot of scorpions before they ob-tained a viable quantity of the pure toxin.

The answer to this problem comes from recombinant DNA technology. From the structure of the protein itself.

scorpion gene that encodes it. This gene can then be synthesized and introduced into an organism, such as a mi-crobe, in which it can be persuaded to work and produce ersatz scorpion toxin in commercially viable quantities. Scorpion-squeezers need

leagues of the Lilly Research Laboratories in Indianapolis tried this, but their attempt to coax the bacterium Escherichia coli to make scorpion toxin was a failure. Undeterred, they tried the same trick with cultured mouse cells and scored a resounding success, reported in the latest issue of Bio/Technology (vol 8, pp The researchers infected the

no longer apply.

Mei-Huei Lai and col-

culture medium so the researchers could extract it

to an entire artificial virus. In of the protein toxin is critical addition to the artificial scor- to the range of animals it pion gene, their synthetic vi- affects. rus (known as an "expression vector") was constructed from a melange of genetic odd-ments. A gene from a mouse leukaemia virus ensured that the vector would be at home in mouse cells; a fragment of a scorpion toxin, once made in the mouse cells according to

The resulting toxin lived up to all expectations, wiping out toxin and one of the three

Proteins are made from chains of smaller molecules called amino-acids, but the molecular chain is not necessarily linear like a train made of carriages. Protein molecules can bend and twist, human gene (the front end of and if a cysteine amino-acid the gene for the hormone meets another cysteine elseinterleukin-2) ensured that the where in the chain, the two molecules may link to make a cross-bridge, forming a loop in the genetic instructions, would be exported into the the protein chain.

All Androctonus toxins have four cysteine cross-bridges. The position of just one of the four bridges is the only difference between the insect yellow-fever mosquito larvae toxins that affects mice: the within hours, while remaining difference may seem small,

work by sticking to specific receptors on the surface of nerve cells, sparking off chemical changes inside the cells that may result in paralysis.

Similar toxins are found in the tropical cone shell Comus textile that preys on snails, injecting them with the deadly toxin.

However, as Scott Woodward and colleagues of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Salt Lake City report in the latest EMBO Journal (vol 9, pp 1015-1020), the secret of the toxicity is depends on the number and position of the cysteine cross-

**Henry Gee** O Nature-The Times Make Shown 1999

### Memorial services Sir James Blah-Cunynghame Kt. OBE

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir James Blair-Cunynghame, will be held in the Sedbergh School Chapel, on Saturday, April 28 at 12 noon, to which all colleagues and friends are warmly invited. Mr Norman Parkinson

A Service in Memory of and Thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Norman Parkinson will be held in Westminster Abboy at noon on Thursday
June 7, 1990. Applications for
tickets should be made in
writing to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol). Dean's Yard, Westminster Ab bey, London, SW1P enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by not later than Thursday, May 24. Tickets will be posted on Thursday, May 31. All are welcome to attend.

### Birthdays today

Professor D W Bowett, QC, former president, Queen's College, Cambridge, 63; Mr Ray Brooks, actor, 51; the Right Rev F C Darwent, Bishop of Aber-deen and Orkney, 63; the Rev John G Davies, theologian, 71; Major-General Sir Charles Dun-phie, 88; Professor Francis Fish, former dean, School of Phar-macy, London University, 66; and Miss Y. Taniguchi-Mr Graeme Fowler, cricketer, 33; Sir Arnold France, former chairmao, Board of Inland Rev-enue, 79; Mr John Eliot Gardi-The marriage took place quietly in London on Thursday, April 19 of Mr James Marier, only son of Mr and Mrs Christopher ner, conductor, 47; Mr Mauricio Gugelmin, racing driver, 27; Sir Marier, of Weston Underwood, Antony Jay, scriptwriter and producer, 60; Mr Eddie Kulukundis, theatrical producer, 58: Mr Leslie Phillips, actor, 66: Sir Hilton Poynton civil servant, 85; Sir John Quicke, agri-culturist, 68; Mr Christopher Robinson, organist, 54; Profes sor G O Sayles, modern his-torian, 89; Mr R J Smith, chairman, Trimoco, 51; Miss Jean Southworth, QC, 64; Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford, 68; Mr Henry Wrong, former director, Barbican Centre, 60.

### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Agricola, theologian, Eisleberg, Germany, 1494; Napoleon III, emperor of the French 1852-70, Paris, 1808; Charles Maurras, writer, Marti-gues, France, 1868: Adolph Hitler, Branau am Inn, Austria, 1889; Harold Lloyd, film star, Burchard, Nebraska, 1893; Joan Miroz, Abstract painter, Barce-Iona, 1893.

DEATHS: Eliza Barton, the "Maid of Kent", executed, London, 1534; Canaletto, painter, Venice, 1768: Pontiac, chief of the Ottawa Indians, Cahokia,

### School news

Bedstone College

The college returns today, Friday, April 20. Head Prefects Matthew Richardson and Lor-raine Houston. Confirmation by the Bishop of Ludlow on Friday, May 25. Sports Day and begin-ning of half-term Saturday, May 26. Collego returns from half-term Wednesday, May 30. Speech Day Saturday, June 2 at 11 colock in Ress Hall, Chief Il o'clock in Rees Hall. Chief guest Dr W E K Anderson, Headmaster of Eton. End of term Friday, June 29, returning for autumn term on Friday. September 7.

Dean Close School

The summer term has begun. Joanne Awre continues as Head of School with Andrew Pike her of School with Andrew Pike her Deputy. Christopher Townsend is Captain of Cricket and Joanne Awre is Captain of Girls' Ten-nis. The academic scholarships nis. The academic scholarships will be held on May 14-16. Prize Giving and Commemoration will be on May 26 when the guest of honour will be Brigadier D Stileman, former Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod. The school play is Lady Windermere's Fan. The Farewell Ceremony for leavers will be held on June 22 and term ends on June 30. on June 30.

Oneenswood School

The summer term at Queenswood begins on Sunday, April 22 and ends on Saturday, July 7. Confirmation will be on urday, May 19, the service being conducted by the Bishop of Hertford and the Reverend G S Wakefield. Open Day/Sports
Day is on Saturday, June 23.
The Annual General Meeting of
the Old Queenswoodians' Association will be held at Queenswood on Saturday, May 12 at 3pm. Buffet lunch, school tours, displays, tennis and swimming available from 12.30pm. For full details see the 1990 Chronicle or contact the OQA Secretary.

St George's School, Ascot Boarders will return to St George's School, Ascot, for the summer term on Tuesday, April 24, with Victoria Walker continuing as Head Girl. The new Beharrell Building is to be opened by Countess Mount-batten of Burma DL, JP, on Wednesday, May 2. The term ends on Friday, July 6, at noon.

St John's School Leatherhead

17. R P Cook is Captain of the School. The junior play, The Duke in Darkness, will be on June 27 and 28. The OJ Gaudy for all those who were at the school between 1939-47 is on Sunday, June 24. Any OJ of that was who has not heard from M.E. Illinois, 1769; Arthur Young, era who has not heard from M.E. agriculturist, London, 1820 C Comer should contact the

school. The summer concert, Faure's Requiem is at 8pm on Sunday, June 24. Prize giving is on Thursday, June 28 when the Archbishop of Canterbury will

resent the prizes.

The Challenge of Business
Management for the Lower
Sixth, in conjunction with Sutton High School for Girls, is onJune 25-27. Term ends on: Saturday, June 30,

Combined Trusts Scholarship Trust

The Combined Trusts Scholarship Trust has awarded the following Sixth Form Scholar-ships for September 1990. **Boy Boarders** 

David Foster (Bedford School), Timothy Mirfin (Kings Burton), Nicholas Pearson-Wood (Ar-dingly), David Robinson (Read-ing Blue Coat), Alexander Hales (Stowe), David Caesar (Sherbourne). John Jenkins (West (Rendcombe). Andrew Cortis

**Girl Boarders** Isabelle Owen (St. Hilda's Whitby), Emily Holt (Bryanston), Victoria McGrath (Royal Wolverhampton), Laurie Graham (Polam Hali), Shona Wal-

lace (Islay High School). Day Boys Aaron-Scott Neame (Canford), Stewart Dobbie (Chigwell), Peter Fox (KES Bath), Paul Bellingham (Ellesmere), Neil Hanson (Hipperholme GS) Benjamin Coyle (Birkdale School). Christopher Williams School), Christopher Williams (Ruthin), Vikal Patel (Forest School), Hugh Copping (Christ College, Brecon), David Hord (Austin Friars), Michael Shaw (Kingston Grammar). Day Girls

Sonia Chou (Birkenhead HS), Christina Chung (York Girt's . College). Anna Kilby (Holy Child Edghaston), Sally Pollard (St Marys Shaftesbury), Joanne Edwards (Rosemead), Jennifer Andres (Westholme School) Andres (westworme ocnool),
Jaqueline Jones (Guildford
High School), Laura Sterland
(Scarborough College), Georgina Jones (Monmouth Girls
School), Rosina Buckland (Trutrue High School), Pachell School), Rosina Buckiand (1 ruro High School). Rachel
McCobb (Huyton College),
Clare Williams (Forest School).
Rachel Shwe (Sunderland
Church HS), Georgina Kvassay
(More House) Camilla Consideration (More House), Camilla Curtis (St Leonards Mayfield), Danielle Taylor (Elmslie Girls School), Khadine Archer (Colston Girls School), Elizabeth Hadley (Holy Trinity Bromley). Please address enquiries about the list to John Shelley at Save & Prosper Educational Trust. Finsbury Avenue I and Avenue, London,

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### Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.H. Carnegie and Miss T.P. Nelson

The engagement is announced between Mark Howard, eldest son of Sir Roderick and Lady Carnegie, of Melbourne, Australia, and Tanya Patricia, elder daughter of Mr Robert Nelson, of Troutbeck Cumbria, and Mrs Susan Buxtorf, of War-

Mr J.R. Newman and Miss S.E. Drew The engagement is announced

between Jonathan Ray, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Newman, of Amberley, Gloucestershire, and Sarah Ellen, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Drew, of Fulham, London, Captain R.J.S. Wright and Miss P.J. White The engagement is announced between Richard John South-

between kicharu John South-gate, son of Commander and Mrs David Wright, of Welling-ton House, Greenwich, and Philippa Jane, daughter of Ma-jor and Mrs Denys White, of Higher Terhill, Bishops Lydeard, Somerset. Mr N.J.M. Cook and Miss F.M. Venables The engagement is announced between Nicholas, cider son of Mr John Cook, of Baydon, Wilshire, and Mrs Margaret Cook, of East Hendred, Oxford-thire, and Eissen December 2 and Ei

shire, and Fions, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Venables, of Upper Wraxall,

Mr J.S. Cox 2nd Miss D.M.S. Ball The engagement is announced between John Spencer, son of Mr and Mrs Graham Cox, of Kingswood, Surrey, and Diana Mary Sefton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Buli, of

Edinburgh. Mr J.N.A. McAteer and Miss S.M.F. O'Riordan The engagement is announced between Jeremy Nicholas Andrew, younger son of Mr Des-mond McAteer and Mrs Alison McAteer, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Susan Mary Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr Kenneth and the late Mrs O'Riordan, of Dublin, Ireland.

Mr T.R. Acworth and Miss M.H. Dykes The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Prebendary R.F. and Mrs Acworth, of Taunton, Somerset and Margaret eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Dykes, of

Major P.J. Harvey MBE., R.IRUSH and Captain A.V.F. Hyde The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Wing Commander and Mrs Duncan Harvey, of South Otterington, North Yorkshire,

and Annabelle, younger daugh-ter of the late Captain Hadrian

Hyde and of Mrs Patricia Hyde, of Osbourne, Isle of Wight.

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Mr K.S. Brown and Miss H.M. Nixseaman

The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs R. Brown, of Barnham, W. Sussex, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Nixseaman, of Dickleburgh, Norfolk.

Mr M.J.M. Foot The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Foot, of Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hamp-shire, and Madeleine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Wal-ther Pessers, of Madeira,

Mr A.J.C. Mason and Miss S. Balasuperan The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly between Andrew John Cleiand, son of Mr Anthony Mason, and the late Mrs Susan Mason, and stepson of Mrs Tessa Mason, of Old Bursledon. Hampshire, and Sumithra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs

Ramachandra Balasuperama-niam, of Petersham, Richmond, Mr D. Tweddle and Miss E.C. Ormend The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of Mr and

Mrs Joseph Tweddle, of Washington, Tyne and Wear, and Emma Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy

Ormond of Draycot Foliat,

Mr C.J.H. Newton and Mits A.B. Corkill

The engagement is announ between Charles Newton, 13th-/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) only son of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs B.H. Newton, of Drake House Stratfield Mortimer, Berkshire and Annika, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L.V. Corkill, of Bellaquane House, Peel, Isle of

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Ponsford, of Byfield, Northants, and Xanthe, daugh-ter of the late J. Michael Stewart and of Mrs Ann Stewart, of

Water Row, Cawood, N. Yorks.

Mr G. Pousford and Miss X. Stewart

Mr S.M. Telling and Miss A.L. Cobb The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr P.J.H. Telling, of Congresbury, Avon, and the late Mrs M. Stanley, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr D.B. Cobb, of Codelea Bushington at the control of the codelea Bushington at the code of the co Cadsden, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs J. Cobb, of Beverley, East

The engagement is announced between Nicholas eldest son of Mr and Mrs Neil Booth, of

Hovingham, North Yorkshire, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Cordingley, of

Mr N. Rooth

and Miss E. Cordingley

Oiney, Buckinghamshire, and Miss Yukie Taniguchi-Kinoshita, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Heiji Kinoshita, of Yuzawa. Niigata, Japan. There will be a service of blessing and a reception on Saturday, Septem-

ber 15 in London.

Marriage

Mr J.C.S. Marler

Dinners The Naval Club Mr W Garth Morrison, the Chief Scout was the principal guest at a St George's Day Dinner held last night by the RNVR Officers' Association at their Clubhouse, 38 Hill Street, London Wl. Captain W G

Luncheon West India Committee

Mr Tom Chellew, Chairman of the West India Committee, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Barber Surgeons' Hall in honour of the Hon Timothy Sainsbury, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. Among those present

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MELLS - On APRI 7th. in Oxford, Stanley Alfred. retired Deputy Chief Inspector of Audit, Husband of Bertha, famer of Margaret and Richard, grandiather of Thomas, Crumstion was on April 12th. LEIGH On April 17th, pencetully in Torquey, Arthur Leigh F.R.C.S. aged 94 years, Lake of Enhw Vale and Both, Cremation private,

DEATHS ...

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YAPLEY On April 12th,
suddenly, Don, Insband of
Betty, father of Andrew and
Richard, and grandfather of
James, Crastsopher and
Prancaca, Funeral Service
at the North Devon
Crematorium, Barnstaple, on
Tuesday, April 24th at 2.30pm. No flowers, but donations in aid of ND Hospice
Care Trust, c/o Clarice, and
Sons Funeral Directors,
Braunfon, North Devon,
Memorial Service to be held
in Locidon at a lalar date. Philip, aged 16, much loved younger son of Peter and Judits Briggs, profiler of Guy and Alexandra, on holiday in

and Both, Cremation private,
MASER On Easter
Solurday, peacefully at
Highried Nursing Home,
Sattron Walden, in her Soltyear, Henrietha Ann, widow;
of John Masser and much
loved mother of Shiriey, Bit
and the late Gillian and
loving grandmother and
great-grandmother. Funeral
flervice at the Pariat Church
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ON THIS DAY APRIL 20

Warren Gamiel Harding (1865-1923) emerged from a "smoke filled room" as the Republican nominee for the Presidency. Elected, he was inaugurated on March 4, 1921. His term of office, cut short by his death, was undistinguished - he is regarded as one of the weakest of presidents. Harding's affability and gregarious nature made him a popular figure and his death was received with

US PRESIDENTS. ORDEAL

FIRST PRESS INTERVIEW. WASHINGTON, APRIL To the President of the United States the Press must be a terrible

It had been announced that the President would see the repre-sentatives of the Press at I o'clock. Long before that time the lobby and passages of the offices of the White House were thronged with correspondents and reporters. Then came word

that the President was ready.
The throng surged forward into the
President's office. Mr. Harding stood behind his desk, on which was a tall glass wase filled with pink roses, facing us, a vigorous and prepossess-ing figure. There can be no question as to the new President's good looks. "Good morning gentlemen!" — with the smile that is already becoming as famous as Mr. Taft's -"good morning. I'm pleased to see you all ... My!" – as the crowd still surged in — "we are increasing, aren't we? I shall have to have a mised dais built back here, so that I can see you fellows behind there. I like to look a man in the face when I talk to him."

After a good deal of shifting and manoeuvring for position, the company had formed itself into a ragged

crescent before the desk, reaching from wall to wall of the apartment ... Then the cross-fire of questions broke out. What did the Cabinet think ought to be done? Were the railroad executives going to be in-vited to the Conference? Did he think pessenger rates were too high as well as freight rates? Were the

railroads not themselves making the trouble by charging more than the traffic would bear? Some of the questions were useful; some merely silly, some obvious traps in the hope of drawing an admission of personal views from the President. But steadily, with excellent good humour, he ching to his original point. Neither he nor the Cebinet had any views. They had not considered details.
Only the large outlines of the problem had been before them; and they had decided to call a Conference.

to consider it.

Mr. Harding's qualities in some Mr. Harong's quantees in some directions are still unknown. But of his affability and tact there is no question. Gradually the beckling— for such it was — died down, and inquisitiveness expressed itself in new forms. The President is notoriproblem in the appointment of members of the Shipping Board. Had any appointments been decided on?

"Now, boys," said the President of the Shipping Board. Had any appointments been decided on?

with winning friendliness, "this is a with winning franchiess, talk is a nice, fine morning, bright and sunny; why do you wish to spoil it like that?"

A general laugh answered him.

"Was Mexico discussed at the Cabinet meeting at all?" asked another voice. "No," said the Presi-dent shortly, "And," after a pause, "I am looking you right in the eye when

I sav it." Another laugh, and, after a few more scattering and futile questions, the assembly began to diaintegrate. There were no "Good-byes" or expressions of thanks as the 90 turned their backs on the President and left him standing behind the desk and the roses, still smiling. He was justified in smiling, for he had borne himself admirably and had won. But, as has been said, the Press is a terrible thing. How terrible one could gather next day. It was in a town far from Washington then that in a local paper - a paper which serves an agricultural comm read the headline splashed in huge letters across the front page: "Har-ding says Railroads must reduce Rates." A wicked, wicked headline,

seeing how exactly careful he had been to say nothing of the sort. One does not wonder that not all Presidents, or all heads of departments, have been able to continue the periodical face-to-face meetings with the representatives of the Press.

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John Russell Taylor considers the arguments for

and against Conceptual Art, and looks at some

exemplars which are now on exhibition in London

Seventies, it seemed for a while as though

different direction, going back to painting and sculpture more or less as they had been traditionally understood, and producing all sorts of new variations on such figurative approaches as Super-Realism and Expressionism. But this has also been the age of pluralism, and so no style or approach has been totally dismissed. The Young Turks of the Seventies have in some cases hung on to become Modern Classics, and as the Nineties begin the newcomers are quite as likely to be Neo-Conceptual as Neo-Expressionist

At the moment several of the major public spaces in London are showing Conceptual artists, old and new. So, is there a greater acceptance of them now than there was in 1980? It depends, of course, on the assessment of whether the experiment of Conceptual Art - seeing how far the "doing" of art can be reduced, in favour of the "thinking" - could be

said to have failed. Certainly there is something to look at, something that has been made, in the Colin McCahon show at the ICA until May 27, the Christian Boltanski show at the Whitechapel Art Gallery until June 3, and the Allan McCollum show at the Serpentine Gallery until April 28. But in each case the concept clearly remains paramount. And in each case it has to be questioned whether that is quite enough.

Boltanski (born 1944) is the most famous and long-lasting of these artists. He is French-Jewish, and makes much use of found materials, whether caches of photographs from school or criminal records, or the possessions of unknown persons or himself as a child, or old clothes collected at random.

At least Thurber's lady with the true Emily Dickinson spirit got fed up sometimes, and the man in One Way Pendulum who kept a skull on the mantelpiece as a memento mori constantly forgot. Boltanski, by contrast, has been singly and signally obsessed with death throughout his career, obsessed with the fact that people die, and also that moments of time and experiences are soon buried in

It is interesting, in a way, that all the

ritain has been notoriously slow in taking Conceptual Art to its heart—if, indeed, that is the 1931. Once this is known, the observer appropriate place to take it. may be moved by speculation on their When the Eighties succeeded the possible fate in the Holocaust. It may be noted, sadly or ironically according to the chance to do so had been permanently choice, that it is now completely impos-Sible to disentangle from "Reserve —
Art was clearly veering off in quite a Détective II" which of the people pictured in Detective magazine were the villains and which the victims.

It may even be found intriguing that the only thing all the Swiss elsewhere depicted have in common is that they are dead. But there does remain a strong desire to ask 'so what?"

Any emotion generated is the result of putting it into the same kind of literary context as the Victorians applied to the Academy's annual problem picture. I have noticed at various Boltanski shows that some spectators are ready to be deeply moved, but tend to confusion as to precisely which pieces deeply move them until they have read the labels and checked the background stories. How worrying is it to be moved by contemplating the Holocaust, and then to find that the cause of the emotion is a piece showing the members of the Mickey Mouse Club in

Conceptual Art constantly throws up such obstacles to knowing whether it is the art or the news story that is providing the emotional pull. (So, for that matter, does the Magnum photography show currently at the Hayward Gallery.) Visitors to the Serpentine Gallery or the McCahon part of the ICA show will find little comfort in this respect.

McCahon (1919-87) was a New Zealander who began as a painter but became increasingly preoccupied with words, letters and numerals. At first he painted them in subtle and sensitive ways, but then he moved increasingly towards treating the act of painting as the making of graffiti, or giving it up altogether in favour of writing gnomic messages on pieces of paper. The

PLASTIC EXPLOSION: Bakerin, thou shouldin be

itung at this hour. And it is, preserved to lend colour to "The Plastics Age", a hymn to pre-post-modernism. Victoria & Albert Museum (Q1-538

8500) until April 29. NEWLYN BREEZES: Most of the best of the

newtyn chitezes: wost of an best of see optimistically named "English Impressionists" worked at some time around Newtyn, Comwall. "A Breath of Frash Air" gathers them together in all their lightness and charm. David Messum (01-408 4203) until May 5.



Hilarious invention; Jiri Kolar's "Déjenner sur la vache", 1967, incinded in the show The End of

London show is a selection from a major retrospective recently seen in Auckland -

and, it seems, a rather perverse one.

The real paintings, such as "I and Thou" (1954-55), have mostly been eliminated, to concentrate on the later, more frankly conceptual pieces. The contention is that a graffito which reads "AM I Scared Boy (EH)" is intensely moving. As a human rument it may be: but as a work of art?

Allan McCollum (born 1944) is a Californian who has recently been much hyped as part of the new New York return abstraction. At the Serpentine he is

TOPSY-TURYY: Georg Beselltz came to fame as one of the "New Wild" German painters of the Eighties, and notonety because he painted (or at least showed) all his works upside down. The latest batch keep over so the towards abstraction that it ceases to be an issue. Anthony d'Offsy in three locations (01-489 4100) until May 15.

John Russell Taylor's recommendations from other shows

showing a room lined from floor to ceiling with blacked-in picture frames; a room almost filled with a table-top covered with identical moulded pieces of obscure original purpose, all coloured a blinding salmon pink (the same piece, to judge from the catalogue, is also available in pistachio). Then there is a room filled with arge urn-like mouldings in different pastel

Slightly more interesting is a room of photographic blow-ups. These are taken from small snaps of images on the television screen including works of art. The detail that is concentrated on is, of course, the art-work, reduced to abstraction by their successive miniaturization

At least the last piece embodies an idea of some sort, not so different from Tom Phillips's in reconstituting the collection of the Mappin Gallery, Sheffield, from a smudgy Edwardian postcard. McCollium has also shown the good taste to be fascinated by Hitchcock's misjudged

seen in them. I cannot help feeling that new New York art must be in a pretty bad way if these specimens are among the best

he one redeeming feature of all this is that at the ICA, McCahon is coupled with Jiri Kolar. Kolar is a Czech, born in 1914, who comes straight out of the rich central European strain of Surrealism. His work may look experimental now,

but hardly more so than it would have done in the year of his birth, when the Dadaists: were already preparing their anarchist revolution. But he uses all the Surrealist techniques of collage and objectfinding with extravagant and often hilarious invention, and adds a few of his own, such as "crumplage", which involves crumpling and then selectively straightening an image to produce something dreamlike and weird.

The show is called "The End of Words", presumably to emphasize a connection with McCahon. But all it really shows, Marnie. But otherwise, the longer the encouragingly, is that Surrealism is alive installations are considered, the less can be and well and living (since 1980) in Paris.

# Fudging the issues

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

SHEILA Hayman's nudging title for the 40 Minutes documentary on BBC 2 last night, "Killer Bimbos on Fleet Street", would have got a male television producer heavily fined in any court of chauvinism. The programme itself had all the coherence and credibility of an economics leader

on a tabloid Page Three. The idea was, presumably, to look at the influence of such female editors as Eve Pollard of the Sunday Mirror and Patsy Chapman of the News of the World on a traditionally male province of sex and scandal. The programme, however, went off in so many other directions, from nightclub interviews to a survey of newspapers' television comm that it was rather more difficult to locate the editorial line or theory than it would be to find a crossword in a nudie magazine.

When the Press is being increasingly well covered by such programmes as Raymond Snoddy's Hard News, and the BBC 2 restoration of What the Papers Say, it was depressing to find that the 40 Minutes idea of a newspaper joke is still to photograph the breasts of an editor while she is talking about male stereotyping.

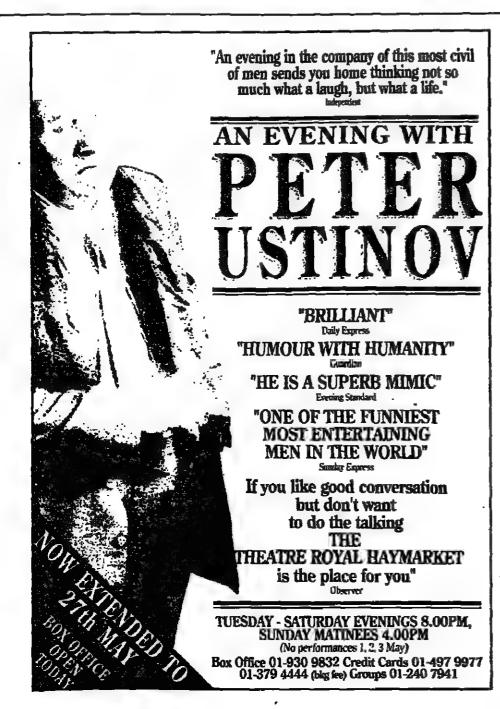
The best story was lost, some where in the middle of what looked like a series of advertisements for smutty weekends. It appears that the editor of the News of the World, Patsy Chapman, is the daughter of a housewife who once caught a local headmaster removing underwear from her washing line. All human life is there: rather as though the editor of the Church Times had once almost drowned in a font during

This surely should have been the theme to follow through in all its biographical and editorial complexity. But instead of that, after about another 15 seconds it was off into yet more aimless shots of shoulder-pads and long red finger-

As Chapman said, during the closing credits, "We don't have much of a conference here"; and it looks as though the BBC producer and reporter had even less than that. They have not, apparently, yet noticed that Fleet Street is no longer where the newspapers live.

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Irrepressible: Miriam Karlin with Paul Barber in Not Fude Away

### Saved by sour note

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

Not Fade Away Stratford East

THIS is the kind of disarming comedy the Theatre Royal has made its own. It can be accused of sentimentality, calculated pathos, releptless rightmindedness, and nostalgia for the days when Cockneys were plucky folk, always ready to help the underdog. It can be said that Barrie Keeffe, its author, so fudges an unhappy ending that it can almost be seen as happy. Yet it would have to be a pretty hardline curmudgeon who altogether resisted his play.

Consider the story. The 79-yearold Grace Webb, once married to as humane a communist as the East End has seen, escapes from the old people's home in which her son, a smarmy suburbanite, long ago dumped her.

Back in Forest Gate, she finds the houses transformed into concrete slabs, the pubs packed with loveless yobs and venomous racialists. She has only to step into the street to find a Rastafarian bleeding after an unprovoked

But his pain is her opportunity. No sooner has she stuck a plaster on his head, and unwittingly shared a joint with him, than she is ensconced in his flat.

Indeed, she has become namny to the children of his sister, who is the good-hearted prostitute in modern guise: in Angela Bruce's performance, elegant and unaffectedly caring, as if simulta-

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neously appearing on the cover of Vanity Fair and running a Women's Help Centre.

"I've never been so happy," repeats Grace, by which point the audience should surely have been screaming in collective agony, so much sweetener had been injected into its mental teeth. Why were we not doing so? How had Keefle got away with theatrical dentistry so shameless?

Partly because he never lets things drift for long without introducing a quirky line or amiably offbeat moment. There is fun to be had from the collision of his well-meaning lady Candide with West Indian culture; and Keeffe finds it. But the main reason for the evening's success, such as it is, is that irrepressible veteran, Miriam Karlin. If Grace is bearable, it is because of her mutinous body-language, her battling, truculent manner.

Somehow she provides acid enough to temper the sugar. One could call her performance a iemon, and mean it as a compliment. Yet neither she nor Philip Hedley's skilful direction can excuse a conclusion which at first is a reminder that Keeffe once was the author of Sus, Barbarians, and other exercises in gritty

It would be wrong to reveal much more than that a blend of police and social workers wreck her friends' Utopia. Enough to say that loss is instantly forgotten, grief becomes defiance, and Karlin is gamely leading a chorus in Desmond Dekker's "You Can Get It If You Really Want".

Even by Stratford East standards, wasn't that going it a bit?

### One-man double act

Jeremy Kingston

The Guv nor Young Vic Studio

ENGAGING and skilful, this oneman show presents Sir Henry Irving as he saw himself and as his valet. Walter Collinson, saw him. Both roles are played by Christopher Godwin, switching between the two, sometimes in midsentence and mid-step, starting the step with Irving's imperious stride and ending it in the aged Walter's shuffle. Or opening a reminiscence in the mild Cockney of an ex-wigmaker's assistant before surging into a credible rendering of the mighty living voice, that amazingly unnatural sound—though, as Walter says, "not natural but magical"—where we, the "ardience", clearly hear the hyphens in riv-u-let and hil-lock. and where the word "Christmas"

is given four distinct syllables. irving died on the steps of a Bradford hotel in his loyal valet's arms. As the show's prefext we are asked to imagine ourselves looking into the attic of the house where Walter now lodges. There, once a year on the anniversary of the death, he rummages among mementoes and drinks a glass to his master's memory.

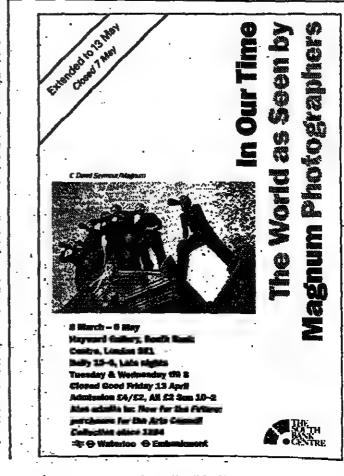
It is a simple and effective pretext: centrally placed are the trunks, pier-glass and other impedimenta of an actor's life. Godwin as Walter hobbles awkwardly between these, abandoning anecdotes halfway through as old costumes or photographs catch his attention. When he strays into the black border surrounding the attic, the midway space between the private life and his public, Godwin becomes Irving, ramrod-stiff as Tennyson's Beckett (dreadful poetry) or, features distorted,



Skilful: Christopher Godwin limbs stuck out like a starfish, as the guilty Mathias in The Bells.

How authentic the movements are is hard to say, though mimics abounded, long survived him and must have preserved the essence of the man's sensational style. Godwin's Irving's Wolsey's farewell speech succeeds in being genuinely touching, and his frantic cry as Mathias pushes the Jew's corpse into the lime kiln manages as no other I have heard to make the hairs on the neck twitch.

For Walter's character, drawing on his own imagination, Godwin has created a decent, Clive Dunnish old codger, his talk flavoured with Edwardian slang, and gives him a development within the play. It seems only right that living's valet would know he sweated twice as much as normal when playing Macbeth. If Peter Craze's able direction can cut the noise of the console switch starting the sound cues, the illusion of a glimpse into our theatrical past will be even more persuasive.



# Poetic, but harrowing but faceless production team, whereas the five-piece band is a thriving flesh and blood concern.

Suzanne Vega: Days of Open Hand (A&M 395 293-1)

SUZANNE Vega is one of those strange types who look different every time they are photographed or filmed. Her songs have a similarly amoebic quality, their surfaces giving the chill appearance of porcelain that can be man or shiny, and then turned to catch the light in various different ways. The result in Days of Open Hand is a peculiar resonance to

melodies and mood, although there is a bleakness at its core. The imagery is poetic but frequently grim. "Men in a War" is pegged to a jolly metaphor hinged on the phenomenon of amputees who still "feel" their lost limbs as before. In "Fifty-Fifty Chance" the narrator goes to the hospital. bedside of a loved one who has attempted suicide.

Dreams are a recurring inspiration, from the benign imaginings of "Book of Dreams" to the awful nightmare visions of a child who is "Tired of Sieeping". The band provides a functional, unclustered musical backdrop, enlivening the sprightly "Room off the Street" and lending a soft tug to "Predictions", but generally clearing the way for Vega's crystalline voice.

Despite some of the outward signals, Days of Open Hand is a lucid, often harrowing account, that makes far from easy listening.

Urban Dance Squad: Mental Floss for the Globe (Ariola 410

The most exciting release of the week comes courtesy of Amsterdam's Urban Dance Squad, an extraordinary mixed-race, Dutch, rock hip-hop collective.

What they have in common with other bizarre acts, from Fishbone to Mano Negra, is a love of heavy guitar noise, a super-manic energy level and a cock-eyed approach that integrates traditional rock band skills with the modern techniques of turntable scratching and sampling. At one extreme, "Prayer for my Demo" is buoyed up by a wash of Jimi Hendrix quotes (mostly from Axis: Bold as Love); at the other. "No Kid" grooves easily to some authentically bluesy slide licks. There is a smouldering regale complexion to "Piece of Rock", while suppets of "Land of Hope and Glory" slug it out with an endof the world party noise racing over a bass cranked to overkill.

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If there is a fault, it is that the album sounds as if it has been created in the studio by a smart Inspiral Carpets: Life (Cow DUNG 8)

With their colouriess vocals, quaint Sixties organ, clunky bass, deeply conventional pop melodies, studiously daft name, psychedelic artwork, recycled hippic look and impeccable Mancu-nian origins, Inspiral Carpets are a somewhat crass embodiment of Ninetics hip. While not without its charms, their debut album, which houses the hit "This is How it Feels", merely sounds like the Stranglers without the beef.

That Petrol Emotion: Chemi-crazy (Virgin CDV 2618)

That Petrol Emotion have never recaptured the wondrous coiledspring attack of their debut, Manic Pop Thrill, released four years ago this mouth. Now on to their fourth album, and presumably anxious to turn a profit at some point in their career, emphasis is placed on the "pop" part of the formula at the expense of the manic thrills.

Unfortunately, they have failed to evolve a year distinction county.

to evolve a very distinctive sound, and drummer Ciaran McLaugh-lin, who has written the bulk of this album, does not have a particularly sharp ear for a time. The dual guitars of Reamann O'Gormain and Damian O'Neill are generally kept in check behind Steve Mack'e regular loss receives Steve Mack's regular Joe vocals. Scott Litt's production is crisp and straightforward, but he hasn't been given the material with which to fashion anything com-parable to R.E.M. work. The album's ecological theme is crudely illustrated by a cover that is truly the height of naffness.

Michel'le: Michel'le (Ruthless 7567-91282-2)

Michel'le is a 19-year-old prodigy from Los Angeles who, although signed to Ruthless Records, the city's home of heavy rap, has assembled a debut that is a tasteful amaigam of soul ballads and razor-creased pop-funk. This is all the more surprising when you consider that it was produced by the notorious Dr Dre of Niggers With Attitude fame. In the wake of her American hit, "No More Lies", she has been compared to Anita Baker and Millie Jackson, and certainly demonstrates that sort of range in the soaring cadences of "Something in my Heart" or an outlandishly overthe-top duet with Michael Holmes, "1?" However, when she gets cracking on the squeichy, bass-driven dancefloor funk, she sounds disconcertingly like the young Michael Jackson.

They may be comics but, as Johnny Black reports, they can be worth serious money

# The Cash Street Kids

clumsily drawn copy of Detective Comics No. 27, on poor quality pulp paper, was recently sold to a New York collector for £63,975. "It sat untouched on a bookshelf for 50 years and was in mint condition," says Duncan McAlpine, author of The Official Comic Book Price Guide for Great Britain. "My own copy, not quite perfect, is only worth £25,000."
On publication in 1939, Detec-

tive Comics No 27 sold for 10 cents as part of a run of 600,000. Now, only 16 copies are believed to exist. Their value for connoisseurs lies in the fact that they feature the first appearance of a costumed crime-fighter who ranks among the best-known creations of 20th-century fiction, The

McAlpine sumbled into comic collecting as a child, because his mother; an antique dealer, gave him them as distractions while she scoured salerooms for antique clocks and furniture. "I hung onto them and eventually amassed a collection of 30,000, the largest in

Europe, much to her disgust."
In 1971, aged 12, he saved up £25 to purchase a first issue of tastic Four, published barely 10 years earlier, yet already rising in value. Recently, a number of events have sent prices rocketing; the Dow Jones investment table shows comics as the fifth best investment over the last five years, after precious metals, gems, fine arts and furniture.

"Superhero comics started appearing in the mid-Thirties," points out McAlpine, "so their fiftieth anniversary came up in the mid-Eighties, making them vin-tage items. Bankers and stock-brokers from outside the comics field began pouring money in, which started the price spiral."

Around the same time, Batman was undergoing a startling renais-sance in the hands of British comics artist Alan Moore. He turned Batman into an ageing, malevolent and twisted vigilante in a future Earth peopled by mutant criminals. Moore's booklength comic, The Dark Knight Returns, sold over a million copies and spent 38 weeks on the New York Times best-selling books list which, as McAlpine observes. "gave the character, and couries in general, a much-needed shot of literary respectability".

Soon, the term "graphic novel" had usurped "book-length comic", and interest in Moore's



Dencan McAlpine with his almost-perfect copy of Detective Comics No 27, worth about £25,000

Batman was a major factor in the decision to make last year's film version. Its success sent Batman back-issue prices soaring by 150 per cent, and American comics in general were carried along with it. Fayer's Financial Services, one

of several companies which raises cash for the purpose of comic collecting, quotes price rises over the last year of 200 per cent for Spiderman No I, 192 per cent for Amazing Fantasy No 15 (Spidey's

for Fantastic Four No 1. The more valuable items from McAlpine's collection, valued at £500,000, are in a bank vault,

which he visits regularly. "I open the boxes to let air circulate around them, which stops the ink running." His Comic Book Price Guide mainly covers American comics because they attract the biggest money, but its British section lists The Beano No 1 at

first appearance) and 152 per cent for Fantastic Four No 1. £1,000. Even Viz comic's first edition can fetch £300. Stateside Comics, McAlpine's mail order back-issue business, started only a year ago, and showed a half-year turnover of £250,000. With Batman 2 on the way, it is likely that comic prices will continue to rise.

● The Official Comic Book Price Guide for Great Britain (Price Guide Productions, £6.95), is published

### A variable piquancy

CONCERT Paul Griffiths

BBCSO/Salonen Festival Hall

HERE was a piquant programme of three Italian symphonies: Mendelssohn of course; Berlioz's with Childe Harold visiting the place on solo viola; and Niccolo Castiglioni's "Sinfonia con giardino" of 1977-8. Now in his late fifties.

Castiglioni has had few perfor-

mances here, and those few only of smaller works. Wednesday night's piece, even though coming with its garden, was all over within eight minutes of typical tickling fascination, growing out, but not far out, from the high treble of harpsi-chord, piccolo, piano, tuned percussion and violin harmonics. The aim is slight, the achievement not altogether prepossessing, in that little care seems to have gone into problems of instrumental balance. The Mendelssohn performance that followed was dull, and unblessed even by imaginative solo instrumental contributions, but the Berlioz in the second half

blazed: nothing could more strikingly have illustrated Esa-Pekka Salonen's variableness as a conductor, a variableness which perhaps come from being too quick to expand his repertory. His generally fast tempos in the

first two movements of Harold en Italie were accompanied by great warmth and breadth, especially at the brassy, cornet-led climax to the opening movement's slow introduction and in the smiling string tone of the slow movement. In both these movements the soloist, Nils-Erik Sparf, entered at a notably slower pace, and was concerned to ponder with a veiled caution (the hesitant manner persisted even through some illjudged vibrato in the finale).

But after the half-way point the work belongs essentially to the orchestra, and the soloist seems increasingly to become an embarrassment to the composer: in the finale the viola is only there for mementoes of what went before. That displacement suited Salonen. The bagpipe imitation of the Abruzzi mountain scene was realized with entrancing neatness. and this whole movement glowed with fresh colour, while the concluding orgy, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra's strong brass section again to the fore, was thrillingly vital and exact.

### \* WEEKEND GIGS Compiled by David Sincialr, David Toop and Rose Rouse

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Formerly known as the Blues Reunion, this now more apily-named combin-ation of faded heroes incorporates keyboard player Zoot Money (ex-Big Roll Band leader), Chris Farlow ("Out of Time" Ashton (ex-Ashton, Gardner & Dyke keyboardist), Peta York (ex-Spencer Davis Group drummer), Miller Anderson (ex-Keel Hartley Miller Anderson (ex-Keef Harriey Band guitarist) and Boz Burrell (ex-Bad Company bassist). Guitanall Cuzyside, Newcastla (091 2327079) boday, 7pm, £8.50. JR's King Street, Dudley (0384 253597) Sat. 8pm, £5. Cam Exchange Wheeler Street, Cambridge (0223 357851) Sun, 7.30pm, £6.50. Civic Centre Marker Sq. Aviesbury

Civic Centre Market Sq. Aylesbury (0296 86009) Mon, 8pm, 26.50. FINI TRIBE: Radical Scottish dance

combo with a peculiar grudge against the McDonald's restaurant

chein. Currently touting a scratchy single, "Monster in the House". Petican Club Hotel Metro, Market Street, Aberdeen (0224 583275) today, 10pm, £1.50-£2.50, Dingwalls Camden Lock, London NWI (01-257 4967) Mon, 8pm, £4,

THE MIRE WESTBROOK BAND: Performing Off Abbey Rose, his tribute to the music of the Beatles, jazz planist Westbrook leads with woodlets Kata Westbrook and Phil Minton and the breathtak guitarist Brian Godding. Bonnington Thesire Arnold Leisure Centre, High Street, Arnold, Nottingham (0602 419741) today, 8pm, 24.50. Machantes Arts Centre Manchantes Road, Burnley (0282 30055) Sun Road, Burnley (0282

30055) Sun, 8pm, 25. EDDIE LEJEUNE AND D L sometimes sweet, you can bet your last crawfish head, they'll be beiting out those cajun tunes. Watermans Art Centre 40 High

BRADFORD: More polits, guitar-

strumming songs from another indiction on the way up.
Powgrhaus Piad Bull, 1 Liverpool Read, London N1 (01-837 3218) today, 8pm, £5.

OSCAR D'LEON: Venezueinn wocalist and double bess player who is a top star of salsa. Empire Baliroom Leicester Square, London Wt (01-437 1446)Sun, 7.30pm, £8.50.

ALI FARKA TOURE: Singer and quitarist from Mail who has added to an already bluesy African style with influences from American soul and blues. Roumin Scott's Club Frith Street, London W1 (01-439.0747) Sun,

ADEVA: The Intest Grace Jones cione. A powerful voice and strong image have lifted this New Jersey iox-echool tracher out of the garage house scene and into Britain's ooo charts Britain's pop charts. Urbdon Academy Stockwell Road, London, SW9 (01-326 1022)Sun,

Street, Brentford (01-568 1175) today, 10.30pm, £5.95. 7.30pm, £8.50. St Devid's Hall The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236) Mon, 7.30pm, £7.50.

### Mildly amusing and mysterious music with a strong pulse and

BANCE

John Percival

LCDT The Place

THIS week's programme of new works by London Contemporary Dance Theatre introduces an American choreographer of some interest. JoAnn Fregalette-Jansen used to dance in Dan Wagoner's company, and something of his startlingly unlettered way of using movement has carried over into her choreographer.

Her piece, Noon Talk on Millionth Street, presents jittery people living in the shadow of skyscrapers. It is developed under the inspiration of a string quartet by Scott Johnson: distinctive alarming undertones. In the first movement, the eight dancers are shown as alarmed individuals. Eventually they congeal into a group staring anxiously about and pulling faces. One woman manages with a struggle to

oull others from the mass: from

this, relationships begin to develop. The finale brings an accumulation of quick jumping up and down, during which the group gradually coheres. Presumably the choreographer can identify in this pattern several literary influences mentioned in advanced publicity. I could not, but found the move-

ment the music and the relationships sufficient to hold interest. Aletta Collins, using Steve Reich's hysterically distorted jumble of sound It's Gonna Rain for accompaniment and title, shows

people walking, running or falling in and out of coloured doors in Tom Cairns's big framework. It is mildly amusing and occasionally mysterious, but at 25 minutes outstays its welcome. At one point, the limp assumed by one dancer begins to develop into an original dance when imitated by the rest. Nothing grows from it. however, and we are back to cliched minimalist movement: hand gestures and rolling

Kim Brandstrup's perfunctory danced version of the famous Yiddish play, The Dybbuk, completely misses the point of the plot: possession of one soul by another. To show a girl actually behaving like her dead lover would be difficult but interesting; to have him return physically and manipulate her is quite another



Paul Liburd in Noon Talk on Millionth Street

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# Magpies of music

David Toop explains

aesthetic problems of musical plagiarism

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Rap and dance music have received copious publicity for their creative use of digital sampling - using identifiable fragments of rhythm tracks, speech samples, snatches of a cappella vocals or bursts of noise from old records - but there are also composers operating on the margins of rock who are also using "theft" to construct their music.

son's head, grafted onto the body of a semi-naked white woman.

the legal and

Takes have become a central feature of modern living.
Tourists visiting Hong Kong can buy fake luggage, socks, perfume and Cartier watches. On their return, however, they may discover that the credit card with which they purchased fake antiques has itself been faked and used to buy thousands of pounds Suddenly, the idea of fakes be-Music has not escaped this

epidemic of illicit imitation and theft. Some of the biggest selling pop singles of last year contained elements of fakery. The Italian record-makers known as Black Box made extensive use of the voice of American soul singer caster group Jive Bunny montaged segments of past hits into one hit single after another. (Both groups had to pay copyright-holders

John Oswald, a Canadian musician, has pushed the concept to extremes and has, in consequence, incurred the wrath of a nervously protective record industry. Last year, Oswald released a compact discentitled Plunderphonic, which was unusual in all respects. It contained 24 tracks, all of them attributed to other artists-among them the Beatles, Dolly Parton, Igor Stravinsky and Count Basie. The cover showed Michael Jack-

As if this were not sufficient to cause offence, the music was assembled entirely from record-

ings by these artists. "Dab", as the title suggests, dissected Michael Jackson's "Bad" and reconstructed it as a stuttering, lurching parody of the original track; "White" slurred and smeared Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" until its benign mood turned to nightmare; "Seventh" neatly undated Beethoven's Symphony No 7 into a piece of modern minimalism, and "Rainbow" transformed a performance of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by the 101 Strings Orchestra into an oceanic deluge of sentiment, inspired perhaps by Gustav Mahler, Toru Takemitsu and the entire

Romantic tradition. The methods of transformation ranged from simple to highly complex, but they were consistently brilliant in the way they recomposed the listener's perception of familiar music.

Michael Jackson was not amused. His office exerted pressure upon Brian Robertson, the president of the Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA), which put pressure on Oswald.

Plunderphonic has never been offered for sale, either by mail order or in shops. Oswald's policy of free distribution was intended to confront the issue of intellectual copyright, but faced with a possible court action, he was understandably unwilling to offer himself as a sacrificial victim. All remaining copies of the disc were surrendered to the CRIA, which duly crushed them.

The irony, as always in these cases, is that the disc has become a prized cult item. It topped the playlist of Canadian college radio stations, and some record companies are now keen to release Oswald's new work in the field of creative plunder. First, they have to untangle the complex legal and philosophical problems of copyright. In our age of fakes, that is increasingly difficult.



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# Lino climbs up off the floor

ino: How was it for you? Cold and smelly, cracked and curling, redolent of schools, hospitals and boarding houses? Lino was the favoured floorcovering of parsimonious bursars and rapacious landladies. Lino was knelt upon by the chilled, bruised knees of little boys and girls. Lino was buffed 'til it gleamed and the same little boys and girls slipped and sprained their ankles when they broke the rules and ran.

So why has Britain's last remaining linoleum manufacturer decided to launch its first domestic range for 20 years next Monday? Because, says Mandy Morrison from House Beautiful, lino now has "street cred". Because, says Israel Watson, an interior designer, lino is "really, really Fifties, hence it's style today. And it's really trendy if its got sea

The Victorians kept line behind the green baize door, where it was laid to keep "downstairs" hygienic and healthy. Without cleanliness you, your family and your pets might die. "When Prince Albert died in 1852 wern beined Deut died in 1853," explained David Prout, architectural adviser for The Victorian Society, "the rumour

If Queen Victoria had laid more lino, maybe he would have

Mrs J.E. Panton, the author of From Kitchen to Garret, was the housewife's mentor. "Mrs Panton told them to be very firm and to have lots of lino otherwise their servants would rebel, their roast beef would be overcooked and their

husbands grumpy," Mr Prout says.
During the first half of this
century the good news spread like wildfire throughout Britain and America. There was no better floor covering upon which to drop your ma's Yorkshire pud or your mom's apple pie. Lino looked as if it was

It wasn't. Production peaked in the years between 1948 and 1959. In the words of Coco Chanel, "fashion is made to be unfashionable": the tufled carpet was born and lino died, "Fitted carpets were brought into the realm of the less affluent and with them came a change of fashion," explains Roger Strugnell, spokesman for Forbo-Nairn, the company which is relaunching lino. Polishing lino, in the post-servant age, gave us bad backs.

The trend-setting purchasers of floor covering laughed out loud at ad that he had died from smells. Into. How could they? They with

Nicola Murphy takes

a shine to an old favourite

their vinyl tiles designed to let

elephants and Magnus Pyke make big messes in adverts, they with their stripped pine floors and their Amtico for the Filipino staff to glide over. Lino waited, biding its time in the playrooms. Now, in the Nineties, the Fifties are back - "there's never a new fashion but it's old," said Chaucer.

But the fact that line has rolled back out of the ping-pong room, can not be due simply to Fifties nostalgia. Not all of us have climbed into our zoot suits. There is another explanation. The biggest fashion trend at the moment is green. Lino is made from what

greenspeak describes as self-generating raw materials — linseed oil, cork, wood flour from soft woods, resins and jute. The cork is wastage from the wine industry in Portugal - which means that we can drink more, secure in the knowledge we're helping make more lino, and saving

and it is biodegradable," says Mr Strugnell, who has been in the siness for 42 years.

In fact, lino is so green it even keeps itself clean. The linseed oil continues to oxidize even when the lino is laid and, according to Mr Strugnell, it kills germs. Forbo-Nairn's own research indicates that while each square metre of supposedly well maintained carpet contains 1000 grammes of dirt consisting of animal skin, human skin and carpet mites, lino only has three grammes. Muscle-bound housewives used to take out their frustrations by beating carpets on the days they weren't thwacking their offspring; now they have Callenetics and pyschotherapy, air-conditioning and, as a result, dirty carpets.

So come back that linseed smell, the scent that once dominated Kirkcaldy, the linoleum capital of the world. This was the smell that in 1913 inspired one Mrs George Smith, the daughter of a minister in Ayrshire, to pen: "for I ken masel'by the queer-like smell/That the next stop's Kirkcaldy". The Kirkcaldy company was founded by Michael Nairn in 1847. More than a century later, it merged with another famsons, of Lancaster, and became Forbo-Nairn in 1985. The locals still believe linseed is the healthiest smell in the world and that it prevents colds. They wouldn't recognize Kirkcaldy without its smell. They would get off the train in

Forbo-Nairn has invested £2.5 million in preparation for the launch next week. So it must be expecting good returns. At £20 a sq m, line is not cheap. Has the company, as a cynical member of Friends of the Earth suspects, simply seen an opening in today's green market for a product which, unlike vinyl, is not based on petrochemicals? Karen Christensen, author of Home Ecology, published by Arlington Books, thinks not. "There's been so much bandwagoning going on that when someone has a really useful product it's now in danger of being overlooked. Lino has always been in stock at some stores."

But lino will never really be the same again. It is no longer slippery, it is not going to curl up at the corners; outside institutious it probably won't smell of disinfectant and it certainly won't always be the

a few drops to a gallon of warm water, since excessive use of detergent can leave an invisible film. Thoroughly rinse by mopping with clean

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# Short notes on Canada

letter arrived on heavy buff stationery informing me that I had won an award that would be presented in Toronto and I jumped. The award was for "Women Who Make a Difference" and I was selected for the media category. I suppose that's marginally better than being selected a woman who makes no difference. When I arrived in Toronto a motley group of people turned up at my hotel room with cameras and lights to make "your video". The interviewer had a sheet of paper with 12 questions. The first question was: "Why do you write?".

I rather liked that because it gave me a chance to cannibalze George Orwell's thoughts from his essay. "Why I write".
As I recall, he said that whenever his writing lacked a political purpose, it was full of humbug. Just as I was getting into the swing of this, the producer of "my" video explained that the total airtime for the 12 questions was 40 seconds, so could I be brief?

In spite of this rather unnerving start, my short visit to Canada has been useful. Life in Canada is akin to living in a genteel lunatic asylum, run by the nicer inmates. The Canadian deficit per capita is nearly the largest in the westtaxed at every turn, and wander the streets asking where the money goes.

The answer may be glimpsed in reports such as that of the Ontario government's Waste Policy Adviser, who sadly told a meeting this week of the Ontario government's Recycling Advisory Committee that Canadian citizens had failed to beed its advice. Despite a three and a half year programme, backed by quotas, fines and monitoring committees, Canadians still choose to drink their Coca-Cola from recyclable tin cans, rather than the government-blessed refiliable glass

Canada's Progressive Conservative Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney, currently commands about 17 per cent of the electorate's support, which could make one san-guine about Mrs Thatcher's current position. But Ca-nadian politics are extremely volatile, because they lack any ideological basis. In Britain, it takes considerable soulsearching to make the jump from the Conservative party to Labour or vice versa, since, abandon basic attitudes and

assumptions.

Since neither the Liberal Party nor the Progressive Conservative Party in Canada has such a framework for their policies, the difference between them hinges on the personalities of their leaders. People feel quite free to switch parties every election and do so in what are really nothing but out-and-out popularity contests. The only exception to this is the NDP, Canada's ersatz socialist party which, unlike the other parties, has some class basis and is supported by a core of trade unionists and intellectuals. It has maintained pretty much the same percentage of the vote (about 18 per cent) all its

Whatever the party in power, one of the constants of Canadian life is its impeccably progressive social attitude. The envelopes in which citizens get their income tax forms assure recipients, in the two offical languages, that: "The envelope contains a minimum of 50 per cent postconsumer recovered material."

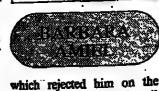
. This progressivism attained new heights, I thought, the very day I arrived. On my desk, The Lawyers Weekly Rights Tribunal decision.

The case in question in-



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grounds that he wasn't tall enough. The disappointed Mr Ede complained to the Canadian Human Rights Commission. Alas, so far the Canadian Human Rights Act has not had jurisdiction over the grievances of short people. It seems that while discrimination against disabled people is prohibited under the Act, "disability" is limited to the blind, lame, halt and so

Mr Ede's ambition, it: seems, is to be a mechanic ~ with the Canadian Army. The problem with this, said Peter Englemann, legal counsel for in the Canadian Armed Forces, try's defence budget is lower chemical warfare would slip or capita than that of over his knees, making it is taxed at every time. is that on so small a person, we ever one does during chemical ··· warfare. The standard army rifle with the smallest butt coald not be fired safely by Mr Ede. When driving a vehicle, Mr Englemann explained to the tribunal, Mr Ede would have the choice between looking through the windshield or having his feet touch the !...
pedals. Unfortunately, due to ...
his smallness, he could not do ... both at ouce.

> Counsel for Mr Ede countered that mechanics generally worked in pairs, so Mr Ede wouldn't necessarily have to.' drive. This led to some " thoughtful consideration by the tribunal, which took the point, but worried about the consequences in combat if the driver were hurt. With due diligence, the tribunal's three members visited the Army's Land Engineering Test Establishment and watched a model (slightly smaller even than Mr Ede) attempting to use army vehicles. In the end, they came up with a Solomon-

hey ruled that although shortness might well be described by somepeople as only a physical characteristic, it could now be considered a physical disability if it were so "perceived" by an employer. So long as an employer believed an applicant's characteristics to be a disability, well, then they were, and thus must be prohibited as a reason for refusing to employ him. I suppose this brings all short people (or tall ones, or fat or thin ones) under the protective wing of the Human Rights Act. This is tremendously heartening to the Canadian Human Rights Commission, which has now enlarged its scope of jurisdiction by leans and bounds. I feel certain this will make our own Equal Opportunities Commission green with envy. Still, this did leave the

tribunal with the prospect of a Canadian Army rather disabled itself, filled perhaps with little people marching about with backpacks slipping around their hips, or pilots on tippy-toe to reach the joystick. So the Canadian Human Rights Commission also ruled that in this case height was a bona fide occupational requirement, although some disquiet was registered about the army's attempt to "reasoncarried a long report on the ably accommodate smaller most recent Canadian Human persons". The results were so pleasing to everyone that after the case was finished Mr volved a chap named James Englemann, left his job and Ede, who is not quite 4ft 9in was taken on staff by the high. He had wanted to join Human Rights Commission. the Canadian Armed Forces, Oh, Canada.

# All the Tournament finalists

 Congratulations to those who have persevered through pages of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and crossed intellectual swords with thousands of others in The Times Tournament of the Mind 1990.

 Mensa has finished marking the entries and has announced the following list of finalists. There are 110 individual finalists this year because of the high standard of entries and the number of people who achieved maximum points.

• These people, along with the top 10 schools, will be competing in the five-round final to begin next Tuesday. All will be sent special certificates recognizing their efforts. The top 10 individual finalists, or all who score the maximum points, will take part in a special timed play-off in London on May 14. They will be playing for £5,000 and a trophy based on Rodin's The

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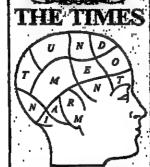
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in The Netherlands First

Floor also offers the Forbo-Nairn Armourflex range in 23 colours, along with DLW's imported Marmorotte range of sheet ling. All these come in a marble effect and plain. The company also stocks two ranges of lino tiles — Linoslex, in 15 colours and Amountiles, in 16 colours.
Amyone looking for a really
eye-catching effect might
contact Jennie Moncur, a graduate of the Royal College of Art. Ms Moncur, who has designed flooring for London's Institute of

Contemporary Arts and the Oxford branch of Whistles, the fashion chain, also undartakes domestic commissions, such as the snooker room she covered in oak leaf designs for Janet Using Forbo-Naim's inoleum, her decorative abstracts comprise big bold, fluid shapes designed to

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# Twinning as an academic exercise

On Monday Durham University will open a new college funded by a Japanese institution to give Japanese students a taste of the British way of learning. George Hill reports

this week, are help-ing to mitigate the impact of Unlike mo culture shock for 111 Japanese students who have arrived there as pioneers of a new experiment in cross-cultural education. Faced with English weather, English cooking, and hordes of large boisterous own future needs.
Westerners deluging them The Japanese stu with benevolent advice, the young visitors remain un-

"Potatoes!" exclaims one, appreciatively identifying a distinctive item of British cuisine as she sits down to dunch at the long refectory table of a Durham college. On the college greensward, the students point admiringly at the daisies and dandelions (tampopo); as for the cherry

The students are the first batch to come for a year of of liaison between the two study as virtual members of groups. Because Durham's Durham University, in a summer term has not yet unique partnership between started, a group of students Durham and Teikyo Univer- came back early as volunteers, sity in Tokyo. On land leased from its hosts, Teikyo has endowed a college outpost thousands of miles from home, to give some of its second-year undergraduates a arrival at a strange university and the college fire regula-taste of a system of higher in a strange continent, the tions. Mr King conducts a education very different from students were still busy find-delicately phrased lecture on their own. In future years, their numbers will rise slightly to a permanent level of about

("Teik-kyo" means "Imperial City", as distinct from "To-kyo", or "Eastern City") is in medicine and pharmaceuticals; the new initiative will help broaden its base in the

For Durham, the link with a wealthy and well-regarded Japanese university, which is

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he cherry trees, to strengthen its international at all troubled by being so far blossoming pink image, and reinforce the read white all over sources of its already considerable to be homesick, because I the city of Durham erable Oriental Studies

Unlike most British universities. Durham has land to spare (within 15 minutes walk of the city's superb historic centre), and has been able to make it available without risk of cramping provision for its

The Japanese students' lives will be integrated as far as possible into the routines of flinchingly determined to be delighted by everything they sociology, international culture and English as a foreign language - will generally be different from those followed by their British counterparts, and they will live in separate, newly built dormitories.

But they will take their meals in college, and most of their teachers will be Durham lecturers. The students in each trees, they are like a breath of of the six colleges to which home. "Teikyo rep" to take charge groups. Because Durham's to show the visitors round. Many of the newcomers will be spending their first weekend with local families.

ing their feet. From their health and safety, dealing as dress, one might guess them to tactfully as possible with awkbe a party of sophomores from an American campus. Al- like alcohol and sexually For Teikyo, the Durham outpost is an astute move. The main strength of its campus on the outskirts of Tokyo them are entirely at home with officers of Durham police the language. "It is a new thing reinforce his warnings with a for us to be able to practice lecture about theft and burconversational English," says glary (a distinction which Miwa Maruoka, who is one of seemed to defeat the students' the more confident English- command of English idiom) speakers. "I understand the and the old British custom of

funding the operation, helps first time, Miwa does not seem officers' bluff and jovial style

immediate impression is that they are far more bright-eyed that is a very valuable raw material for the future of this institution."

The first lecture-room experiences for the students are a series of sessions to explain quirks of the British way of life like the immigra-Only 36 hours after their tion laws, the banking system ward but unavoidable topics

grammar, but it is sometimes getting uproariously drunk on difficult to understand the a Saturday night in the centre of Durham, which was best Visiting England for the avoided at such times. The

have looked forward so much to coming here," she says. Her friend Akiko Egawa has

brought with her a Japanese game as a device to break the ice - a brightly-coloured wooden toy called kendama, a version of diabolo, played with a ball on a string. The girls are in general adept at ice-breaking, ready at the drop of a bat to produce tiny sheets of pretty printed paper as gifts, or to bring out the family photo-graphs. The boys appear at this stage to find mixing a little less easy.

"I see no sign that there will be serious acclimatization problems," says Henry King, bursar of the new college, "My than I would have been if I had made the journey in reverse, into a completely different culture. The Durham students are being a great help

— I see a great deal of youthful dynamism on both sides, and



ON A CAMPUS IN BRITAIN . . . WITH JUST 15 STUDENTS TO A CLASS

# essons in learning from West to East

dents in Britain attend British schools and colleges.

The majority attend the five Japanese schools and six Saturday-morning schools — for pupils who go to British schools during the week. There is also a Japanese university in Britain and two Japanese women's finishing colleges, in Winchester and Cheltenham. In 1979 there were only two fulltime Japanese schools in Britain and one Saturday school.

At the Japanese primary, junior high and high schools in this country, 3,982 pupils study a Japanese curriculum and are taught mostly in Japanese. The university - Gyosei international College, which has been open a year and is affiliated with

students. About 60 per cent of the students - aged between 18 and 20 are male.

The first year of the four-year course is an intensive course in English. After that, having become fluent in English. the students concentrate on business administration and cultural studies. Of the 12 lecturers, only five are from Japan and the students learn in both Japanese and English.

Many of the students come from

Japan to attend the university in order to benefit from the smaller classes - z maximum of 15 students. In Japan, classes of 500 are not unusual. "There, the universities go in for massproduction," the university's burser, Tadahisa Wada, says. The tuition fees belonging to Reading University. Asked whether Gyosei's standard of education was higher than in Japan, Mr Wada replied: "I hope so."

The total Japanese population in Britain, according to figures released last October, amounts to 37.335. Of the students in Japanese schools and coileges, 4.225 have parents based in Britain on assignments which normally last between three and five years, Japan's vice-consul, Eiichi Arzi, esumates that the number of Japanese students in this country is rising by approximately 15 per cent each

Of the total of 67,500 overseas students studying in British univer-sities and other publicly financed

nly a tiny percentage of the estimated 5,500 Japanese students from and two Japanese speaking Chinese mainly in the 13 halls of residence to the latest figures available), only 793 (the latest figures available), only 793 were Japanese. Of these, 310 were doing postgraduate work at univer-sities (20) men and 109 women) and

228 were university undergraduates (106 men and 122 women). In the polytechnics and colleges there were 17 postgraduates (nine men and eight women) and 102 undergraduates (13 men and 89 women), while further education establishments had 136 students (47 men and 89 women).

There are no figures available for Japanese students attending independent schools and colleges in Britain, including those at private Englishlanguage colleges which cater for half a million foreign students.

Sally Brompton

is well-adapted to catch the attention of a school classroom, but seems to leave the students dumb with terror at being plunged into what is apparently a sink of rampant crime. The officers themselves ruefully acknowledge that their presentation would need to be re-thought.

The students will work in the Lascadio Hearn Centre. a pose-built block next to the university's Oriental Museum, among lawns dotted with oriental stone lanterns. It is decorated with hanging calligraphic scrolls, and its central courtyard has been laid out as a traditional Japanese garden, with gnarled rocks breaking the surface of a sea of white gravel. Hearn was a writer whose books about

Japan helped to interpret the country to the West a hundred years ago. Some of his rather miserable schooldays were spent in Durham, a connection which may have helped to catch the attention of Teikyo a few years ago, when it was partnership.

"We chose Britain because culturally Japan has a great interest in the United Kingdom," says Professor Yasuo Kobayashi, the principal of Teikyo's Durham college. The Japanese educational

itive one, both for students vying to secure a place at the university which is most highly regarded by prospective employers, and for universines competing to lift themselves a notch in a pecking-order of more than 500 looking for a British univer- institutions, the majority of sity in its plan for a which are funded mainly from their customers' turtion fees.

ounded in Teikyo is an expand-From the last century, when market, and now has classes of about 10, and the Japan began to open up to the three campuses serving 16,000 collegiate system allows a outside world, the contact between our two countries has been very intimate."

students, as well as technical greater sense of community to develop among the students. I believe that this will have a is possible today for a child to great effect on their study after system is an intensely compet- go through his or her entire they return to Japan."

education as a Teikyo pupil. The main reason why Teikyo came to Durham was the university's system of colleges. "In Japan, universities have no such collegiate system," Professor Kobayashi says, "In humanities faculties, there can be up to 300 students to each teacher, and teaching has to be done in large lecture halls with microphones. Contact between teachers and students is not

intimate. Here it is very ing supplier in this different. At Durham, our intense educational students will be working in

Relations between teachers and students in Britain are also more equal and informal, and this may be one aspect of the Durham experience that the newcomers may find hard to get used to. "They will be unused to the family feel of this university, but I do not see it as a problem, because once the initial feeling of unfamiliarity is overcome, it will be a positive strength,"

The classroom demeanour of the students suggests that getting over ingrained habits of deference and decorum in class may be a harder problem for them than making contact with their contemporaries. But 36 hours after their arrival on the campus, it is early days,









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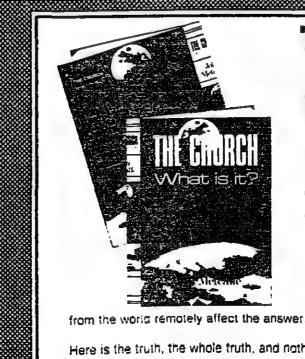


### Magic on the menu

THE TIMES ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

IN THE four years Jonathan Meades has been The Times restaurant critic he has never awarded the ultimate accolade of 10 stars to any of the hundreds of premises he has visited. That will change tomorrow, when he reports in the Saturday Review on an encounter with superlative cooking. "Eating in the conservatory," he says in part,
"one feels rather like Mrs
Shilling's hair must often have
felt. The assault by floral abundance is total. This room is very green, summery, re-laxed. The staff is composed of young Frenchmen with telepathic gifts. Their ability to anticipate the customer's request is uncanny. Intimidatory tactics are not on the menu here. Children are treated with amiable respect, and there don't seem to be any rules about what you should or shouldn't wear . . . The harsh fact is that this restaurant is the most expensive in Britain. Two are unlikely to spend less than £180 à la carte; by sticking to the daily menu and drinking down, they could get out for about £70. But that would mean missing some of the best dishes to be had anywhere." Also in the Review, Brian

James investigates the truth behind a legend of injustice which has clung for 200 years to the man who claims he designed the first lifeboat. And Jane MacQuitty introduces our summer wine offer: a delicious case which she has selected for just £39.50, delivered free to your door.



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### ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

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MAINLY CONCERTOS: The London Scinsts Chamber Orchestra's Mozart Concerns Festival continues with early and alle pieces, the Violin Concerto K 216 (L) La Mardkovitch, soloist), the Clannet Concerto (Duncan Prescott). Figra Concerto K 449 (Iwan Llewelvi Jones: plus Symphony No 29. David

Loseica tricenducts. Queen Elizabeth Half, South Bank, .cndon SE: :01-928 8800). Tonight. 7 450T. E4G-E10

LITTON LIN: Andrew Litton conducts the Southernouth Symphony Orchestra in Strawnsky's revolutionary Sacre du Printernos, Brahms's popular Violin Con-cento (scienti, Cho Liang Lin) and Ber ez s'eccilera Les Francs-Juges. The Guidhall, Scuttamoton (0703) 632501). Tonight, 8pm, £5.40-£10.20.

ACID HARNASI& Szymanowski's great Harrasie ballet, more acid than his Lixuriant earlier works, is heard from the ESC Pruharmone under Edward Downes. The rest of the programme is made up of Ravel's Ma Mère l'Oye and S-beaus's Symphony No 7. Festival Hall. South Bank, London SE1

(01-928 \$800). Tomorrow, 7.30-9.30pm, 23.50-212.50.

ANTARCTIC SYMPHONY: An extraorcinary evecation of itry wastes. Vaughan Wallams's Symptony No 7 Sinfonia Antarchas is heard from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic under Vernon Handley. He adds Brahms's Academ Festival Overture and with Ranhael Walfisch as scioist, Elgar's autumnal Cei o Corcerto. Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street,

Liverpool (051 709 3789). Tomorrow, 7.30cm, £4-£10 50.

SAVING CHILDREN: In aid of the Save the Children chanty Malcolm Leyheld conducts the European String Teachers' Association International Youth String Orchestra in works by Stravinsky and St Jobn's, Smith Square, London SW1

(D1-222 1061). Sun, 5pm, £2.50-£6. FLYING VISIT: An outstanding British planist, Staphen Hough does not often perform in this country. Tomorrow and Sunday he solos in Brahms's often glowering Concerts Op 15 with the LOS under Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos. But first cames Beethoven's picturesque Symphony No 6, the "Pastoral". He is also playing at the Wigmore Hall on Viednesday (sea Rectals).

St Devid's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371235). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, 24. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (31-638 8891), Sun, 7.30-9.30pm,

ENIGMATIC, SYMPHONIC: The English Symphony Orchestra is conducted by William Boughton in Elgar's "Enigma" Vanations, prefacing them with Parry's slightly earlier and rarely heard Symphonic Variations, Michaela Pukacova sclos in Dvořak's rather lush Cello Concerto and an end is made with Vauchan Williams's The Wasps. ican Centre (as above). Mon. 7.45-

9.30pm, £5-£12.50. MUCH RAVEL: Smon Ruttle conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Ravel's Fantare for L'Eventail de Jeanne, Ma Mère l'Oye, La Valse, and in the two plane concertes formidable Gecile Ousset is the soloist.

Town Hall, Exmangham (021 236 3889). Tues. 7.30pm, £3.60-£12. WOODEN MUSIC: Bartok's violent The Woodaut Pance ballet music is heard from The Philharmonia under Neeme Järvi, as is Sibelius's Symphony No 2, and Yuri Bashmet solos in Walton's

beautiful Viola Concerto. Festival Hall (as above). Tues, 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£18. MOZART. MAHLER: After Ann Murray has sung Mozart's Ch'io mi scordi di te K 505 with the RPO under Andrew Litton. Stephen Bishoo-Kovacevich solos in the Plano Concerto K 503, a magnificent

Mahler's Symphony No 4, Barbican Centre (as above). Tues, 7.45-9,45pm, £5-£16.

piece. Then Ann Murray reappears for

# Celebrating a soul-searcher



Missa Bravis and Brahms's German

Requiem, a rather unusual juxtaposition. Fairfield Hall, Park Lane, Croydon (01-

688 9291/cc 01-680 5955). Tomorrow,

MANY REQUIEMS: Performances of

Verdi's Requiem abound just now, and

Zubin Mehra conducts one that his such

famous soloists as Florence Quivar and

Peata Burchuladze plus the London

Festival Hall (as above). Sun, 7.30-9pm,

NATIONAL MOZART: Ian Humphris

conducts the National Symphony Or-chestra in Mozart's Con Giovanni Over-

ture and Symphony No 41, the "Jupiter"

then the National Westminster Choir and soloists are added for his Mass in C

minor. Some of the best of Mozert here.

Queen Elizabeth Hall (as above). Tues,

LOVESICK OP 42: The Szymanowski

series communes to present rure delights

such as his Songs of the Lovesick Muszzin Op 42, Lullables Op 48 and

Songs Op 54 (these last settings of

James Joyce). With them come further pleasures such as Roussel's Poèmes

Chinois, Stravinsky's Poésies de la

Lynque Japonaise, pieces by Enescu, Lynda Russell and Sarah Walker are

accompunied by Isin Burnside.

7.45cm, £5-£11.

Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra.

ame and fortune in classical music is usually most easily won by violinists, pianists and conductors. If, however, I had to select 10 musicians this century whose music-making has plumbed the depths of the soul, four would be cellists: Casals. Fournier, Tortelier and Rostro-povich. Of course, the cello's repertoire does encourage soul-searching. Bach's sublime, unaccom-panied cello suites: Elgar's Concerto, a requiem for a passing world: Shostakovich and Prokofiev raging against the inhumanities of their time: it cannot be doubted that some composers have reserved their darkest beauties for the instrument. The most moving cello performance I have heard was at the 1968 Proms, the day Soviet tanks rolled into Prague. By chance, Rostropovich was playing Dvorak's Concerto - and if musical notes were gunpowder Rostropovich would have blown the tanks right out

DIVERGENT PHILHARMONIC: A widely

divergent programme from the LPO under Zubin Mehta has izthak Perlman.

one of the best violanists, soloing in

Eigar's Concerto Op 61, this being

chany Op 18 No 2, followed by

Stravinsky's voicanic Sacre du

Festival Hall (as above). Wed, 7.30-

FROM THE BOLSHOI: Alexander

Lezarev, Chief Conductor at the Bolshol

Theatre, Moscow, takes the Scottish National Orchestra through Shostako-

vich's Symphony No 8 and

Tchaikovsky's Concerto Op 35 the

soloist is Maxim Vengerov, the youthful

Barbican Centre (as above). Wed, 7.45-

FINEREAL AND FANTASTIC SHIPHOTA

Sinopoli has charge of The Philharmonia

Siegined, the sharply contrasting Symphonie Fantassque of Bedioz, then

for another, even more noticeable

contrast, Pacamol's Violin Concerto No 1

is heard, with Reiko Watanabe as sciolst.

DREAM GRAMMAR: The London

Sinfonietta, Sinfonietta Voices,

Sinfonietta Chorus and diverse soloists

Stravinsky's Cantata and Pulcinella, and in between comes the UK premiere of

istival Hall (as above). Thurs, 7.30-

violinist from western Siberia.

9.50pm, £3-£25.

9.45nm, £5,£15

9.30cm, £3-£18.

preceded by J.C. Bach's innocent Sym

assembled for the master-classes, recitals and discussions of next weekend's Second International Cello festival at the Royal Northern College of Music will celebrate the mythical, as well as the musical, status of the instrument. There are many distinguished names appearing, including Wolfgang Boettcher, Ralph Kirshbaum, Antonio Meneses, Zara Nelsova, and a whole clutch of fine British players such as Alexander Baillie, Amaryllis Fleming, Timothy Hugh, Steven Isserlis, Raphael Wallfisch, the artistic director (pictured here), Moray Welsh, and the man who taught many of them: William Pleeth, Second International Cello Festival, Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (Information and booking: 061 273 4504). Festival runs from April 27-29.

Richard Morrison

Purcell Room, South Bank, London SET (01-928 8800). Tues, 8pm, £3.50-08.50.

VICTORIA DE LOS ANGELES: More French reportoire from this distinguished soprano, including Debussy's exquisite Chensons de Bilitis, Fétes Galantes, Ravel's Mélodies Popularies Gracques and five malodies each from Reyneldo Hahm and Faure. With Geoffrey Parsons. Wigmore Hell, 35 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Thurs, 7.30pm, £7.50-£15.

### RECITALS

WOMEN SLEEPING: London New Music close down their present series with Burita Marcus's Steeping Women and Lecture for Jo Kondo, John Cage's 2piano arrangement of Satie's Socrate, the world premiere of Blake's Hindewho and the UK premiere of Morton Feldman's 80-minute Plano Trio which he composed in 1980.

self Room (as above). Tonight, 7pm.

SPONTANEOUS CALIBAN: Another group specialising in new music, Gemini, proffers Lunsdaine's Culiban Impromptu, Wookich's Turkish Mouse, Daiken's Spectres Classiques, Gra-hem's Great and Wide Sea. Roe's Excerpts from Some Enlandes in the

### **CLASSICAL TOP 20**

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Kaña Saariaho's <i>Grammaire des rêves</i> .	1 (1) Vivaldi: Four Seasons
Queen Elizabeth Hall (as above). Thurs,	2 (2) Mendelssohn/Bruch/Schubert Kennedy/Tate/ECO, HMV
7.45om, £2.50-£12.50.	3 (3) Bernstein in Berlin: Beethoven
7.45pm, 22.50-212.50.	
	4 (4) Elgar: Cello Concerto Barbirolii/LSO/Baker/Du Pre, HMV
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VOCAL/CHORAL	6 (7) Holst: The Planetsvon Karajan/BPO, Deutsche Gr
	7 (-) Vivaldi: Four Seasons Hogwood/AAM, L'Oiseau Lyre
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ducts the Bel Canto Choir in Rossini's	9 (13) Tchalkovsky: Swan Lake Highlights Ermler/ROHO, Royal Opera
Patite Messa Solennella, the com-	10 (11) Bizet: Carmen HighlightsNorman/Ozawa/ONDF, Philips
position of which he referred to as "the	11 (9) Lloyd Webber: Requiem Domingo/Brightman/Maazel/ECO, HMV
	12 (8) Elgar: Cello Concerto
last mortal sin of my old age". In fact it is	13 (17) Prokoflev/Saint-Saëna/Mozart Stamp/AL, Virgin Classics
the finest achievement of his later years.	
St Martin-In-the-Fields, Trafalgar	14 (-) Eiger: Cello Concerto
Square, London WC2 (01-839 1830).	15 (12) Bruckner: Symphony No 7von Karajan/VPO, Deutsche Gr
Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £4.50, £6.50.	16 (14) Beethoven: Symphony No 5 von Karajan/BPO, Deutsche Gr
(Officially, 7.30pm, 24.00, 20.00.	17 (-) Gershwin: Rhapsody in Bitte
GRICE AND BRAHMS: Banstead and	
Eschweiler are twin towns, and their	
	19 (19) Vivaldi: Cello Concertos Robinson/TCO/Harnoy, RCA Red Seal
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History of Miranda and Caliban, and other sensing untamaker precess St John's, Smith Square, London SW1

(01-222 1061). Tonight, 7:30pm, 52-56. STIKOVETSKY STUATION: Adough Dreitry Schouetsky has made numerous appearances with orchestras this concert is, surprisingly, his London rectal debut. With Panel Gillor at the puero he plays Dvolak's Romantic Pieces Op 75. Schubert's Farnasy 0934, Richard Streuss's Sonata Op 16 and the 1921 removem of January & Screen of 1914. Wignore Hall (25 above). Tomorrow,

SLACK SITEMIDIE THE TRANS SAIS from the Ronts" make coopmus with vangus artists playing tehin's Black Intention, Syck's Doen Deptine down schoone Marght and Wat zamen op det avand doen, Andriessen's Ende. Laurer's 32 variationer over en gamme acomore automobile and clinic car Perceit Booss (as above). Son, 5:30pm,

7.30pm, £4.50-59.

FRIST THOUGHTS: In another contribu tion to the Stefan Zweig/British Library senss the Lindsay Quartet uncerth the ongotal 1934-5 first movement of Tippett's Quartet No 1 the complete performance of the 1943 revision. Debussy's Quartet is also heard, and Britan's Quarter No 3. Wignore Half (as above) Tues, 7.30pm, 24.50 ES

STEPHEN HOUGH: Sesides major peces such es Liezt's St François d'Assise - La Phidication aux Oiseaux and Schumann's Devistionalertanze, this line plantin offers Lindon's Musical Snutf-Box, Liebermann's Gargoyles Op 29, Friedmann's Musical Snutf-Box, Chopin's Ballacie No 4, Moszkowski's Valse Mignorine and other delights. nore Hall (25 above). Wed, 7:30pm,

MARTINU TRIBUTE: Pauline Lowbury e), James Dower (fluid) and others mark the Martina centenary with perfor-mances of his Plate Screen and Plate Trio, Enescu's not particularly ensor Vicin Sonata Op 6 and a Duettino by Döppler. St John's, Smith Square (as above). Tears, 7.30pm, 24-27.

### DAYTIME MUSIC

CHERRY PICKERS' PUNCIE The "Take Ten with the LMP" series sweeps on with Julian Reynolds conducting the London Mozart Players lo Wolligeng's Eine Kleine Nechtmusick, Nozze di Pigaro Overtara, Piano Concerto K 491 (Lucy Parham, soloist) and Schubert's vernal Symphony No 3. Dating the interval they dish out free cups of Charry Plown' Rusch les.

an Centre (as above). Sun, 3pm, £4.50-£14.

SONATA AND POEM: Enits Volcaroom Interprets the sharply contrasting Beathoven Violin Someth Op 30 No 2 and Chapman's beautiful Police. At the clano es Kennech Brechfine. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar are, London WC2 (01-839 1930). Mon, 1.05-2pm, free.

HASHINOTO'S HASPSICHORD EN Hashimoto, the Japanese harpsichord-ist, undertakes Bach's Toccate BWV 914, Hayda's Sonaia Hob XVI/27, Scartatt's Sonaia Kk 358/9 and 458/5. St Martin-in-the Pields (as above). Tues, 1.05-2pm, free.

HALL IN BISHOPSGATE: Nicole Hall, the winner of verious guitar prizes, plays Such's D minor Chaconne plus limm by Mertz, Rodrigo and Giuliani. Menopegate Hall, 230 Blahopagas, London EC2 (01-247 6844), Tuss., 1.05-1.50pm, £2.50.

FRANCK LUNCHTIME John France and Eric Stevens devote their entire rectal to Olsar Franck's Impensioned Sonsta for

cello and piano. St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248,6054). Tues; 1.15-

ERLEBACH, TELEMANN: Conducted by Peter Lea-Cox, the Lecosaldi Ensera has promised to interpret Erlebach's Heuta let der Slegestag, capping this with some exciting duets for two recorders by Telemann. With worship. St Anne and St Agnes's Greshan Street, London EC2 (01-373 5585). Whot 1.10-1.50pm, free.

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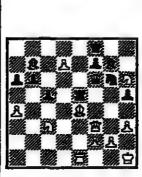
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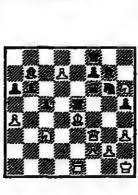
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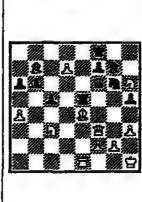
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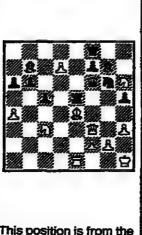
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Perhaps wary of the fact that Mike Yarwood never recovered from the retirement of Harold Wilson and the defeat of Jim Callaghan, for his new series Rory Bremner (BBC2, 9.00pm) has opted for hot-off-the-Press topicality Strangeways, Mandela at Wempley,
Bush and broccoli and the obligatory poll
tax. According to Bremner, Nelson
Mandela visited Britain to pick up his Jim'll Fix It badge (Winnie apparently wrote to Mr Savile requesting her husband's release). There are some new impressions too — John Major promising to reduce Mrs Thatcher's age to single figures and Mike Gatting singing "Oh what a lovely tour!" come to mind although Bremner cannot find it in himself to drop his two trusty old



Rory Bremmer: a batch of new joke and impressions (BBC2, 9.00pm)

obsolescents Robin Day and Dennis Norden, There is such a preponderance of BBC figures in Bremner's repertoire—Desmond Lynam, Ben Elton, Alan Whicker, Robert Kilroy Silk, Nick Ross and Peter Snow - that one wonders how Bremner safely negotiates the cornidors of Television Centre. The his-or-miss satirical sketches have been more comfortably incorporated into the overall format than in the previous series, but remner's impressions remain for the best material on offer.

This week's Aresa (BBC2, 9.30pm) looks at Macchiavelli's The Prince and wonders what's in it for women. Nicola Roberts's witty thinkpiece "The Prin-cess", in other words, considers the relevance of a book about yesterday's men in power to today's women in power. An imaginative array of brains have been picked, including Antonia Fraser; Barbara Castle, Kate O'Mara and Emma Ridley, and a similarly eclectic selection of source material has been used (I. Claudius, Carry On Cleo, Dynasty), plus numerous sex-changed quotations from Old Nick's guid

use and abuse of power itself. The Chief (ITV, 9.00pm) is a new thinking man's cop show from Anglia. Tim Pigott-Smith gives a touching performance as tough Chief Constable John Stafford, who shows a disinclinaion to kowtow to anyone and everyone.

Bangkok Hilton (BBC1, 9.30pm) is an Australian mini-series, which should tell you all you need to know. It is about a young woman (Nicole Kidman) looking for her long-lost father. As the father is played by Denholm Elliott, it deserves at east a cursory glance. 6.00 Ceelax 6.15 Remader: A Month To Remember. A look at the mosque, the centre of Muslim worship and

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Mission (1984) starring Lee Marvin,
Ernest Borgnine and a host of
Hollywood heavies in a mede-fortelevision sequel which doesn't
quite match the surprise and
excitement of the original. Marvin
once again gets a pack of wild dog
army criminals together on a
suicide mission behind Second World
War enemy tines. They aim to
iddrap a top German officer but
stumble on a better target. Good,
If predictable, action. Directed by
Andrew V. McLaglen. (Ceefax)

Lawls. Regional news and weather

9.30 Bangkels Hitton. (Ceefax) (see
Choice)

1 1.46 Stavile Wonder's Eintholiny Calebrations. Another chance to see the two-parter musical celebration party of one of the world's greatest soul singers. In the first alice, there are archive of of him as "Little" Stevie, interviews with special guests Paul Young and Tears for Fears, as well as plenty of old and new numbers from the

grand master of funk
grand master of funk
lens Finc Blood Beach (1980)
starring John Saxon, David Huffman
and Mariana Hill in a seeside and Manana. Hill in a couside suspense saga centred on a braich poliuted with a sand monster which sucks sun-worshippers into the bowels of the bay. The holiday horror starts well but bad-taste jokes nakes you wonder whether you should gasp or giggle. Directed by Jeffrey Bloom | Weather

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6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning British presented by Maya Evan and, from 7.00, by Lorraine Kelly and Mike Morna. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 4.10. 4.30 Wacaday. Children's emertainment presented by Timmy Mallett

2.20 Crossetts. Tom O'Cornor hosts this word show for crossword families 8.35 Thismes News and weather

weather

10.00 Out of This World. Adventures of a 13-year-old girl who inharits her alian tather's remarkable powers.

10.30 This Moraing, Magazine series presented by Judy Firnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes fashion news, holiday advice and a gardening item from Gwert's Usk Castle. National and international news at 10.35 and regional news at 11.35 followed by national weather.

regional news at 11.35 followed by national weather
12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppers series for the young (r) 12.30 Home and Away. Drama seriel shout an Australian couple and their five foster children
1.30 News at One with Nicholes Owen.
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1.30 it as Veta Line. This last programme in the series includes an

programme in the series includes an exemination of the range of new pet products on the merket and a visit to a goet breeding farm which uses embryonic implants. Presented by John Baxter and Anna Waller

2.00 The Green-Byed Moneter. A watered down version of Stephen King's Carrie. Core is insanely jealous of the attention her new sister receives. Then strange events start to happen (r)

3.00 Sounds Like Music. Biobby Crush hosts this light-hearted quiz which rests consistents in however of stage and screen musicals 3.25.

Thanse News and weeting 3.30.

Sons and Desighters. Australian family drawn.

Sons and Daughters. Australian in Tip Gray.

4.00 Out TV. In today's edition of the widdife programme Carole Chitty travels to the Seychelles to meet a trut but whose horest habital is endangered. There is also a report on how dogs are being taken into hospitals to visit young patients. (Oracle) 4.20 Disney's Duct Ties 4.45 Fur House.

Duck Tales 4.45 Fan House.
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5.10 Henre and Amey I/)
5.40 Nerre with Sue Carpenter. Weather
5.55 Crizes Montaly Previous presented
by Paul Ross
6.00 Six O'Clock Live Includes a look
at the art world's leasest phenomenon
— the sele of a "concept" — and a
visit from Kylle Minogue
7.00 Through the Kayhole. Nosey
viewers are given another
opportunity to guess the celebrity
owners of the two festured homes.
Loyd Grossman provides the
cluss while David Frost points the
panel of Willie Rushton, Nina
Mystow and Andrew O'Connor in the
right direction. (Oracle)

right direction. (Oracle)
7.30 Corcestion Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Surprised Surprised Bob
Carolgoes springs a shocking
surprise on a Sirewysbury
camerumen, and Cale Black does a

good turn for a charity worker from Landa

8.00 The Chief (see Choice)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30 LWT News and weather

10.35 Crime Monthly. Paul Ross introduces crime reconstructions and examines how crimes are solved

11.35 Beauty and the Beast. The Outstand, Cult series about one woman's love for a kindly manbeast who lives beneath Manhaltan, Tonight, a violent gang threatens to disturb Vincent's underground world

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12.30 Married with Children American
domestic comedy series

1.00 The James Whate Radio Show programmes. Followed by Ne headlines

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2.00 CircenAttractions. Stave March
with the latest gossip from
Hollywood. Followed by Hews
headlines
2.30 Unsolved Myrtaries. A look at

some American crimes which the police have found impossible to 3.30 The incrembile Hulk. Children's adventury series on at a ridiculous

hour (r)
4.30 Crustoe in Europe (b/w). D-Day revisited

### BBC 2

8.00 Nems 8.15 Westwinster
8.00 Fam Change of Heart (1943, b/w)
starring John Carroll and Susan
Heyward. Originally titled His
Parade of 1945, this is a classic
stussical film about a young
songwriting girl who finds that her
publisher has conned her and
stolen her songs. Despite this, she
still falls for him. Several big
hands make an appearance, most

still falls for him. Several big bands make an appearance, most notably Count Besie and his orchestra. Directed by Albert S. Rogell 18.25 World Snooker. Action from the second round at the Crucible 1.20 Tales of Aeeop. Animated drama series 1.25 Fireman Sem (r) 1.35 World Snooker. Further coverage from Sheffield 2.00 News and weather followed by

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the another from the Crucible and
the 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10
races from Newbury, includes as
news and weather at 3.00 and
3.50

E.15 Top Gear (r)
E.45 Gerdeners' World, Includes e look
at how to attract wilding to your
gerden pond in the first of a threepart series 7.15 What the Papers Sey with Roy

7.15 That the Papers Say with Roy Hatterstey
7.30 Byways: The Brighton Line. The story of one of the most famous railway lines in Britain. (London and East only)
8.00 Public Sys: Hong Kong — a British Welcome? Mile Embley examines the British Government's idea of oliving 50,000 "logy workers" and their families British passports and exis whether it will actually encharage them to stay in Hong

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encourage them to stay in Hong
Kong, as the Government Lopes
looking behind the scenes at
Shuffield United Football Club.
This week, while the team boths hard
for promotion, the chairman
decides to sell the club to an Iraqi

9.00 Rory Bresnner. (Ceefax) (see
Choice)
9.30 Arene: The Princess (see Choice)
10.20 Newmont 11.15 Westber
11.20 World Snooter. The latest from
the Crucible, Sheffield
12.20am Jazz 625. Ruby Turner
introduces bluesman Big Joe Turner.
Ends at 1.05

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### CHANNEL 4

6-30 The Art of Landscape
6-30 The Channel Four Delly
9-5 First Behind the 8-848 (1942,
b/w). Cornedy musical starring the
Ritz Brothers, Carol Bruce, Dick
Foran and William Demerest.
Directed by Edward F. Cline
10-20 First Cartier Jenuary (1938, b/w)
starring Shirley Temple as a girl
brought up by an old lighthouse
keeper. Directed by David Butler
12-00 The Child's Eye (7)
12-30 Resines Delly
1-00 Sessines Delly
1-00 Sessines Sheet
2-00 Circuit Training, Last in the series
on electricty (7). (Teletaxt)
2-30 Channel 4 Racing From Ayr. The
2-35, 105, 135 and 4.05 races
4-30 Fitneso to One
5-00 I Leve Lucy (b/w)

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countryside

5.45 Painted Tales. Magnitte's Tanes

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1.50 True or Fater 7 Game show

8.30 Mark and Mandy. Comedy series

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas

Owen and Zeinab Badawi. Weather

7.55 Book Choice. Derwent May
reviews Richard Percayal Graves's
Nicoranhy of Robert Graves.

nevews Richard Percent Graves's biography of Robert Graves. (Teletext)

5.00 Short Stories: The Tories. A new series for up-and-coming new talent in the world of documentaries begins with the story of a London rag-and-bone man

senes of the award-winning weekly critique of the British Press. Includes a review of coverage of the Strangeways not

9.00 Cheers. Comedy set in a Boston bar. (Teletan)

9.00 Gardeners' Calendar. Spring gardening techniques. (Teletan)

10.00 Roseanne. Domestic comedy

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11.20 Tight Trousers starring Vas

Blackwood and Endie Osei. Two young men are about to go out for

young men are about to go out for the evening when something magical the evening when something magic occurs

12.10am Film: Ticket to Heaven (1981) starring Nick Mancuso. Awardwinning drams about a young man who is kidnapped by friends after joining a bizarre religious sect. Directed by Ralph L. Thomas. Ends at 2.05

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SKY ONE

5.00cm International Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ
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New Price is Right 10.30 The Young
Doctors 11.00 Sky by Dey 12.00
Another World 12.50pm As The World
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Shared 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Beverly Hills
Teens 3.45 Super Chicken and Tom
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New Leave 7 To Bearer 5.00 Sky Star
Search 6.00 The New Price is Right 6.30
Sale of the Century 7.00 Sale of the
Century 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00
Jameson Tonight 11.00 Sky News
11.30 The Deadly Ernest Picture Show

### SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

5.00am Immational Business Report

5.30 European Business Channel 6.00
International Business Report 9.30 The
FBI 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Parliament Live 3.30 The Lords 4.30 NBC Today 3.00 Live at Five 6.30pm Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough 9.30 Newsine 11.30 NBC News 12.30mm Frank Bough 1.30 Newstine 2.30 NBC News 2.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Beyond 2000

### SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel

a All films will be scrambled

2.00pss Anne of Avonice — Part Two
(1987): Sequel to Anne of Green Gables

4.00 Dennis the Messoc Children's

comedy adventure
6.00 Kidco (1984): Comedy about a preteen yuppie who sets up his own company
7.00 Enterture and Torical
8.00 Maid To Order (1987): A rich girl
(Ally Sheedy) is forced to work as a maid
10.30 Rampage (1988): An assistant
district attorney is given the task of securing
the death penalty for a murderer
12.15 arm The Entity (1983): Starring
Barbara Hershey
2.15 The Glory Stompers (1967): A
motorcycle gang kidnap a rival gang leader's
girffriend

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(1978): Conclusion of Michael Cimino's
Vietnam War spic. Ends at \$.30aaa

### EUROSPORT

5.00em As Sky One 8.30 Circus World Chempionships 9.00 Dressage from Dormund 10.00 ice Hockey: USSR v USA 12.00 Beskeibel 2.00em Golf: Madrid Open 4.00 Athletics: The Boston Marathon 5.00 ice Hockey 6.00 Athletics 7.00 Wrestling 5.30 Trax 9.00 ice Hockey: Finland v USSR 11.00 Golf

Movies 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 At the Movies 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 Club MTV 12.00 Spotlight: REM 12.30 pm Kristiana Backer 1.00 Attarnoon Mix 4.00 3 mm 1 4.15 Attarnoon Mix 4.30 Cocacola Report 4.45 Afternoon Mix 5.30 Week in Rock 6.00 Greatest Hits 6.30 At the Movies 7.00 Saturday Night Live 7.30 Club MTV 6.00 MTV 5.00 MTV 5.00 MTV 6.00 MTV 6.

### SCREENSPORT

7.00am Pro Box 8.30 Hippodrome 8.00 Railycross 10.00 Baseball 11.45 European Raily Championships 12.45pm Motorsports 1.15 Pro Bowlers Spring Tour: 14.2.30 Rugby Lagua 4.00 Ics Hockey 6.00 US Pro Ski Tour 6.30 Railycross 7.30 Ics Hockey 9.30 European Raily Championships 10.30 Motorsports 11.00 Polo World 11.30 Wide World of Sport

programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

### RADIO 1

News on the half-nour from 1.20 and 10.00 mm at 7.30 and 10.00 mm at 7.3 File Sterno and Man

### RADIO 2.

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7.36 News 7.38 Morning Concert (conf): Haydin (Symphory No 44; Ansserdain Barrouse Orchestra under Koopmen); Chabrier (Impromptiu in C. Richard McNahon, pann); Richard McMahon, paint); Coptand (Ballet Suite "Billy the Kid": London Symphon Orchestra under the COMPOSER)

8.35 Composers of the Week: Rubbra and Moeran: Moeran (Symphony in G minor: Ulster Orchestra minor: Ulster Orchestra under Vernon Handley); Rubbra (Pezzo Ostinato: Ann Griffaths, harp) Jenx d'Enfants — with and without royal connections. Isabel Beyer and Harvey Dagut, plano duet; Boys of the Choir of Paistey Abbey; Sociish Chamber Drobestr under Shaunt Bertfort. Band of the Royal Military Echool of Music, Hoffmang Symphony Orchestra unde Malcolm Arnold; David Maliconti Arrond, Carrell Titterington, organ; Montreal Symphony Orchestra under Dutok; Choir of St Mary's Music

Choir of St Many's Music School under Davies: English Northern Philipamhonia under Tippett perform Britten (Rossin) Suite); Ravel (Mother Goost); Manwell Davies (Seven Songs Home); Tippett (Suite for the Birthday of Prince Charles); variations on national authents by Malcolm Amold, antheres by Malcolm Amold. anthems by Malcolm Amold, Dudley Buck, Franck and lves; and Jeux d'Enfants by Bizet and Joseph Jongen 12.00 Uister Orchestra under John Lubbock, with Krzyszto! Smietana, violin, performs Gootz (Overtum, Francesca von Rimmi); Wymawski (Famusy on Themes from Gounou's Faust); Liszt (Two Episodes after (onau's Faust)

after Lenau's Faust) 1.00pm News 1.05 Guarneri Quartet performs Besthoven (Quartet in C minor, Op 18 No 4); Sibelius (Quartet in D minor "Voces intipae" (r)

2.00 Almost off the Record:
Lyndon Jankins examines
the last-side "fillers" from 78 sets. including, this week, records of Solomon,

Harry and Henry Wood. The third of six programmes

2.20 Vegs Wind Countsk performs Danzi (Quinter in flat, Op 56 No 1); Milhaud (Suite d'après Corrette): John Simon (Wind Quinist Op 23]
2.10 Overlak Cypresses: Philip Langridge, tenor, Radoslav Kvapil, pieno, perform Dvořák (Cypresses, B 11). introduced by Jan Smezny

4.00 Youth Orchestras of the World (new series): In the first of four programmes, National Youth Co of Gree States to the Challenger Britain under Christopher Seaman, with Lucy Wakelord, mrp., parforms Handel (Harp Concerto in B flat, Op 4 No 6); Ravel (Le Tombsau de Couperin); Britten (Nocturne, Op 60); Mozart (Symphosy No 41 in C, K 551)

5.45 Meaning in the Blues: The way the superstitions and voodoo which persisted in black communities in the United States and reducted in the blues is examined by Paul Oliver. He talks to Robert Henry, Shakey Jake, Britain under Christopher

Paul Oliver. He balls to Robert Henry, Shakey Jake, Will Shade and Brother John Seiter, Includes records by the Memphie Jug Band, Furny Paper Smith and Jazz Gillum. The third of 10 programmes \$.15 Jane's Minstrels: Introduced by Jane Marning, Quaderny (Sonades de la Color del Poc); Bauld (I Loved Miss Wetson); Gilbert (Beastly son); Gibert (Beastly

7.00 News 7.06 Third Ear: Bruce McLean. whose display of new sculpture and dance performance opens at the Amolfini in Bristol, talks to Richard Cork about the expanding role for his ideas outside the gallery walls 7.30 Gordon Fergus-Thompson: The prantice participant of the prantice participant of the infants. Occar Wide's fairy ctors in read to Paul

1953, and British and the United Status have lost the war. With Bob Pedt as Orestes, Sarah Badel as Annette Le Skye, Jonathan Hyde as Vatorio and Jane Restint he Im fore Chalcel. Bertish as Ira (see Choice)

11.80 Composars of the Week:

Mozart — The Path to the
Requiem, Kyrle in D minor,
K 341; Davidde penitante, i 469; Ave verum corpus, K 818 (r) 12.00 News 12.05am Close

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6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day with the
Rev John Rackley (s) 6.30
Today, with Sue MacGregor
and Chris Lowe, incl 6.30,
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10.00 News, Special Assignment

10.30 Moming Story: Love and Momgoses, by John McGill, Read by Paul Blair

10.45 Delly Service (s)

11.00 News; The Lost Leader: John Cole, political editor of the BBC, traces the political career of Edward Heath (r)

11.47 Tracaure talarmis: Introduced by Michael Rosen, Critic Jessica Yares and romantic novelist and

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour:

story is read by Paul McGann (r) 8.30 Debussy (Preludes, Book 2)
9.15 The Friday Play: 19SS, by Craig Reine. A version of Racine's Andromaque. It is E.M. Forster's story. With Joseph Peerce as Margaret Schlegel, Mininda Richardson as Helen Schlegel and Joss Ackland as Henry Wilsox (3) (5) FRECUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/265m;1068kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;905kHz/330m;FM-98-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/277m;FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 195kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. LBC: 1152kHz/267m; FM-97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.0. Greater Landon Radio: 1458kHz/205m; FM-94.9; World Serves: NW-848kHz/463m.

airs listeners' comments on

and romantic novelist and conor Lorna Read examine the latent selection of romantic fiction for teenage 12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard, Includes the

seventh of eight programmes on how to complain. This week, Travel and Transport 12.299m The Food Programme with Derek Cooper. On the menu this week; prunes, eggs and beer 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One with Nick

Introduced by Helen Boader from Manchester. Includes interviews with broadcating pioneer Olive Shaptey and actress Rosemary Leach; a feature on the mouse to feature on the moves to legalize homosexuality on the Isle of Man; an item on teaching children music, and Footnote on sendids 3.00 News; Classic Serial: Howards End. Four part

4.00 News 4.05 Wilko's Weekly: In the last in the series, Tony Wilkinson visits Gruntham, Mrs Thatcher's home town, and eleidoscope: Includes enews of Not Fade Away

goes behind the scenes of The Grantham Journal (s) (r) at the Theatre Royal, Strattore East, The Great British An Show III at me McLeiten Gallery, Glasgow; and a feature on measuring the voices of opera singe (s) (r)

5.00 PM with Robert Williams and Francis Covernale

5.00 Shopping Forecast

5.55 Weather

6.00 So; O'Clock News; Financial

6.30 Going Places: Peter Hobday with travel and transport

with travel and transport news
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.29 Pick of the Week wan Mangaret Howard (a)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathem Dimbleby in Burnham-on-crouch, Essex, with paneltists Lynda Challeer, MP, Nimiter for Oversada Development Frank Development, Frank Dobson, MP, Opposition Energy Spokesmen; Lady Daphne Parit; and Stuart Weir, editor of the New Statesman and Society 8-50 Stop Press: Andrew Marr

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15 Kalendoscope: First Mosten
16 Your Read. The versatifity of
the clarinet is explored by
17 Paul Vaughan, who talks to
18 clarinet ian Stuart, Peter
18 Moster, and Eaton and Jack Brymer, and composers Peter Maxwell Davis and Judith Weir (s) 9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather

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10.00 The World Tonight with Pichard Kershaw (s) 10.45 A Book no Bedome: In the Red Kitchen, by Michele Roberts (9 of 10) 11.00 Week Ending: Satincal review of the week's news With Sally Grace, Russell Device and Royce Mills (s) 11.23 The Financial Week with

Vincent Disoplety 11.45 Today in Parkament 12.00-12.30 and News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shapping Forecast FM at LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Listens 5.56-5.55 PM (cont)

### HTV WALES AS HTV West attracted to 5.00 mm Wales at Six 6.30-7.06 Stopwatch 10.35-11.36 And All That Jazz.

**VARIATIONS** 

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Practice 6.00 Scottand Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High
Road 10.25 Scotsport 11.05 Presents: Cell Block H
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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• When Andromanue is up

dated to the 20th century, as it

is in the Friday Play, 1953, Craig Raine's "imitation" of

Racine (Radio 3, 9.15pm), we

must brace ourselves for some surprises. And shocks. The

surprises arise from Raine's

boldly imaginative transfer-ence of the action from the

court of Pyrrhus to the palace

of Vittorio (Jonathan Hyde),

son of Mussolini, annihilator

of Britain, and wobbly half of

Bob Peck: as an emissary

of the Fahrer (R3, 9.15pm)

the victorious Rome-Berlin

Axis. Andromaque (Sarah

Badel) is now the widow of the Prince of Wales, Hermione

(Jane Bertish) is a German

princess who is used as bait in

a power game, and Orestes

(Bob Peck) is an emissary of

the Führer. The other surprise

is that so much of Racine's

1667 plot survives in *1953*.

And the shocks? They are

administered by Raine's mun-

dane similes such as "You're

shaking like a carburettor",

The thermostar that controls

our relationship is fixed too

close to boiling point", "I'm a

thermometer — one degree from melting", and "You're

like a tightly coiled umbrella".

With so many contemporary

metaphors embellishing the script, it is hardly surprising

that the weapon used to

despatch Vittorio/Pyrrhtts is

an SAS dagger.

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### **BUSINESS LETTERS**

### Sting in abolishing certificates Taxing times

From E. H. Rackley Sir, A number of points have change will need only to dis-been made, in your columns tinguish the holdings of John and elsewhere, relating to Smith from those of his son, problems that will arise if the proposed abolition of share certificates takes place. May I poke another stick in this little

hornets' nest? Should I die before I sell them, the person turning over my personal papers will find most of the time in this country and had a number. two documents indicating my country and had a number, ownership of 660 shares in and, if he did have one, that British Gas. These shares can thus be valued and added to it was. . . all this assumes, of the rest of my vast fortune for course, that what they have in taxation and distribution, and mind is a centralised and their ownership relinquished or transferred according to consolidated register of all companies and shareholders; circumstance, with the mini-mum of trouble.

If they succeed in abolishing share certificates, the Stock Exchange will presumably be prepared to run a computer check upon notification of the death of any potential investor, man, woman or child, in ment which you should keep the country, in order to as in a safe place" and to say very certain whether or not a stock much the same thing twice on holding in that name exists.

The Inland Revenue is likely to require some such enquiry to be obligatory, and it will certainly be necessary in the interests of beneficiaries of

### Water tariffs

From R. D. Winyard Sir, In the article on water meter trials (Business News, April 16), Mr David Gadbury, of Southern Water, offers no sympathy for pool owners, or, by implication, for gardeners on the Isle of Wight.

He rightly comments: the manipulation of, and "They must pay the true cost experimentation with, tariffs

any estate. The Stock Ex-

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if not, the brow does begin to

Gas, on the back of these

unnecessary pieces of paper, feels it worth while to print in

large letters "This share certificate is a valuable docu-

of water." However, he omits

to say that Southern Water's

regional water tariff, excluding

sewerage charges, is 31.4p per cubic metre, which is presum-

abiy the true cost. At that level of charge, few

pool owners or gardeners

What does cause concern is

furrow a little.

the front

Yours faithfully

would object.

E. H. RACKLEY

23 Redland Close

Sir, Tax due on all my income as a basic rate taxpaying pensioner is withheld from my occupational pension. or grandson, of the same name and recorded at the same

In filing my P60 for 1989-90, just received, I compared the tax taken with that paid 40 years earlier in 1949-50.

of the investor's National Insurance number will take The amount taken has multiplied by a factor of 140. When I look at my gross income in the same two years, I find the multiplier for that is someone can remember what My allowances now, as

then, are those of a married man, the only difference being that I now have a small Were City analysts serious when they suggested tax rates should have been increased in It is not for fun that British

> Yours sincerely, RAYMOND V. FOX, 15 Braywick Road. April 11.

the March Budget?

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during the trials, and that the consumer has to pay through the nose while they continue. Yours faithfully. R. D. WINYARD,

Youngwoods Way,

### INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

# Switching savings into shares



Inherent disadvantages: Andrew Hugh Smith

THE Government and the City yesterday blamed each other for the difficulties in expanding share ownership beyond what it has been over

the past decade. Mr John Redwood, the Corporate Affairs Minister, urged the City to make share dealing faster, cheaper and simpler, but Mr Andrew Hugh the chairman of London's International Stock Exchange, called for a shift in economic fundamentals, requiring changes in Government objectives and policy.

Both were addressing an Institute of Economic Affairs Conference - Wider Ownership, the Next Steps.

Mr Hugh Smith identified the high level of home ownerthip - a key policy of Mrs Thatcher's Government - as being "directly in cont-petition" with the goal of wider share ownership.

Another obstacle was the fixed interest deposits offered by banks and building societies, which were very attractive compared with returns on ordinary shares, particularly after adjustment for risk.

To switch savings flows into ares the Government would have to alter the relative value of returns on investments and recognize the trade-off between individual property ownership and share owr 21ship, Mr Hugh Smith said.

It would also have to appreciate that high interest rates tend to favour the low-risk,

deposit-type investment. The political challenge lay in stabilizing and maintaining the value of the pound. "If this erized, paperless share transfer and done in the pound of not done, interest rates will remain high and the hurdle for and effective settlement and returns on equity investment, risk-adjusted, will be insuffic-

iently attractive." Equally important was the need to "remove fiscal imbalances, which have already destroyed individual ownership of British industry to an unacceptable extent."

At least two-thirds of industry was owned by private individuals in the late 1950s. Today, less than 20 per cent of domestic equities was held by private individuals.

While tax relief on mortgage interest payments favoured the Capital Gains Tax were still seen to penalize share ownership compared with other forms of investment. Mr Hugh Smith said that

unless the skewing of savings flows away from share ownership was changed, "any drive to achieve wider share ownership will be fighting against Mr Redwood said the share

markets had to become "minn accessible" and "less confined by excessive regulation."

"It is vital that the cost of transacting a share deal be kept low to avoid discouraging the small shareholder," he said, citing the £17.50 cost of executing a small bargain in London - nearly four times

system - had to provide cheap not impose any direct costs on the small passive shareholder.

London's costs could be but by computerizing back offices and moving some activities from expensive City locations to cheaper premises, he suggested. The Securities and Investments Board, the financial services watchdog, also had to press home its attack on overcostly and overcom-

plicated regulation. The Government's twin policies of privatization and encouraging share ownership had led to one in four adults holding shares, against one in 15 in 1979.

Mr Redwood said the Government's actions to promote share ownership had been so successful that they had created a "major social trend. But he also saw a large busi ness opportunity in share undne risk for individuals. ;

He noted that wider owner ship provided firmer underpinning for the large liquid London markets and that small shareholders were often

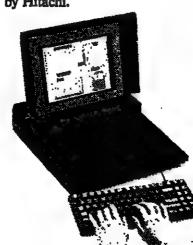
long-term investors. It could reduce political tensions originating from misperceptions of the City as a rich man's casino and an institutional club by showing it to be

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### City 'must seek to restore trust in institutions'

By Our Economics Correspondent

national Stock Exchange called on the City to urgently seek solutions to the problem of how to restore industry's trust in institutional investors.

The alternative, said Mr Andrew Hugh Smith, was that solutions, perhaps arbitrary ones, would be forced on the City by government inter-

While it was not easy to identify the extent of industry's distrust of its institutional investors, "we can be sure there is a problem," he told the conference in

"It cannot be healthy that the gaps of understanding, the particularly of the investor community, should continue at this high level."

He listed the familiar complaints of investors letting down management of the companies they owned, of "short-termism" and their obsession with maximizing shareholder value.

While coming out firmly against moves to restrict take-over bids, Mr Hugh Smith said that if the complaints about institutional investors short-termism were justified, greater loyalty.

THE chairman of the Inter- it would be a "serious charge." He suggested the underlying problem could be that the role of the institutional investor had changed as the import-ance of the individual shareholder had declined.

> Institutional investors now held about 70 per cent of thares in industry.

"They have, therefore, be come owners rather than

But he said ownership carried obligations as well as privileges, and failure to reclikely to lead to pressure for intervention, probably by the Government.

He proposed that one apin industry to seek to put aside the buyer and seller relationship and cultivate more of a "partnership relationship" with their institutional

This might involve accepting that the institutions could become insiders for a time and that this would be part of the price. But it would allow investment managers to reach more informed conclusions about the long-term values of their investment and develop

### Hong Kong may go it alone over airport plan

THE Hong Kong Government reaffirmed its committee own accumulated fiscal rement to the HK\$127 billion serves," he said.

(£10 billion) airport plan amid growing concern that the project could be torpedoed by Sir Piers Jacobs, the Financial Secretary, said he had yet to convince China of the

viability of a new airport, but was confident that Hong Kong could finance the development regardless of Chinese

Hong Kong's reserves of HK\$71 billion will go a long way towards financing the airport, which will cost HK\$35 billion, and the road, transport and utility links, which would cost another HK\$42 billion. The HK\$50 billion port expansion plan, however, would have to be phased out if private funds were not forthcoming, said Sir "If it came to the pinch we Piers.

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# A Fisher

SUIGES
ALBERT Fisher, the food distribution group, saw pre-tax profits surge 53 per cent from £19.9 million to £30.5 million in the six months to end-February, on turnover of £497 million, up 35 per cent. The interim dividend rises 20 The internal per cent to 1.5p.
Tempes, page 24

Payout rises

International Business Communications (Holdings) made pre-tax profits of £9 million (£13.3 million), for the year ended December. However, net earnings rose from 13.4p to 16.5p a share. A final dividend of 3p (2.8p) makes 4.5p (4.1p) for the year. Tempes, page 24

LEP advance

LEP Group, the freight, security and property concern, made pre-tax profits of £26.5 million (£18.5 million) in the year to end-December, A final dividend of 4.25p makes a total of 6p, up from 4.75p. Tempus, page 24

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Thomson Corp 715p (-20p)
News Corp 512%p (-10p)
MJ Glesson 847%p (-32p)
Standard Chartered 515p (-12p)
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last year were \$410 million on sales of \$13.6 billion. Mr Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT, said: "The price we are receiving is an extremely attractive one for our

Sale by BAT beats expectations shareholders. Marshall Field's management and its investor group made a very credible bid for the company. However, the Dayton Hudson offer was clearly superior from both a quantitative and qualitative point of view."

Marshall Field's stores group bought for \$1.1bn

The sale price is "slightly above expectations," said Mr Les Pugh, an analyst at Salomon Brothers, Others, however, had been predicting as little as \$800 million. Mr Pugh thinks BAT will raise between \$2.1 billion and \$2.2

billion from the group's asset sales. Dayton Hudson now becomes the second biggest retail chain in the US, after May Department stores.

Mr Kenneth Macke, chairman and chief executive of Dayton Hudson, said: This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to add another premier name to our department store division; it is a great

strategic fit for us." Mr Richard Pyle, an analyst with Piper

Jaffray and Hopwood, said: "Both stores dominate the American areas and Marshall Field's is an excellent acquisition because it shares many of the characteristics enjoyed by Dayton, which operates full-line department stores with a very loyal customer base."

Last month, BAT sold its Breuners retail chain to the US Prism Capital Corporation for \$92.5 million cash. BAT acquired Breuners, which operates 18 furniture stores in northern California,

Arizona and Nevada, with Marshall Field's in 1982. Still unsold is one of the most famous

US department stores, Saks Fifth Avenue, acquired by BAT's US subsidiary, Batus. BAT's deadline for offers is Monday. Analysts estimate Saks is worth up to \$1.3 billion, with 1989 sales of about \$1.2 billion. Frontrupper is a combined bid by management and the Tobu Department Store Company of Tokyo.

### Playing a straight bat puts £16bn at risk dards for a range of goods have been agreed was given by Mr Peter mission, admitted: "Each country

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

BY PLAYING a straight bat Britain could risk losing up to £16 billion a year in sales as public sector buying is opened up to competition throughout the European Commencial pean Community.

This is Britain's potential share of increased cross-border trade within the EC to be expected as public procurement is freed in line with Commission directives.

But the fear is that some other EC countries could drag their feet on removing hurdles to competi-

ganized by the National Economic Development Office (Nedo) to explore the prospects for public procurement in the EC.

Public sector buying by govern-ment and associated agencies in the EC is a £450 billion-a-year market. It has been estimated that if cosy arrangements with domestic suppliers were dropped in favour of completely open competition there could be efficiency savings of up to £70 billion a year.

Trade across national borders amounts to about £20 billion a year

tion. This message emerged by the at present, despite the hurdles end of a two-day conference or which have to be surmounted to which have to be surmounted to enter other national markets. The British share is about £4 billion. But opening up the public procurement sector to free competition could, it is believed, increase crossborder trade to about £100 billion.

So if Britain could retain its market share it would gain another £16 billion annually in sales. But Mr Douglas Fraser, Nedo's industrial director, said: "There are risks. There is a lot to gain - but there is also a lot to lose."

Mr Robert Coleman, director of public procurement and internal

in the Community is worried the others will cheat. So it is not just a matter of setting rules for procure-ment, as we are doing, but constructing enforcement mechanisms." Member states had until 1993 to settle on an appeals system. It would not be an easy process,

he said. Public procurement directives would be re-examined after four years. He said: "We think we will make significant progress but it is by no means an easy task."

An example of possible hurdles

Styles, managing director of Medelec, the medical equipment subsidiary of Vickers. Medelec, which has an annual turnover of £12 million, exports 85 per cent of its production of which about 40

per cent goes into Europe. The hurdles were greatest in France and Germany for medical goods because of measurement and approval systems, said Mr Styles. Even when an EC standard was accepted it was possible additional national quality marks would creeping in after common stan- eventually be introduced which

would again tilt the playing field in favour of domestic suppliers.

He was not the only one to emphasize the need for the commission to fulfil a continuing role as policeman to see that the spirit of directives was met. Mr Walter Eltis, Nedo's director general, said: "I will be very surprised if the UK market is not thrown open as much as possible. It is not for me to say what other countries will do but it is for the Commission to create a level playing field and maintain it in every country.

# B&C may face further £200m write-offs, say analysts Fresh threat from Atlantic

up a crisis plan.

payments and interest by Dec-ember 31, 1991. The Cayzer family sold its stake for \$427.3

The next payment of £5.4 million is due in six weeks,

B&C's creditor banks are believed to be keen for the

because if they call in their

debts, a consortium of banks,

led by Barclays, will be liable to pay under bank guarantees.

lantic's chief executive, who

was suspended from his post

by B&C on March 28, was a

principal of ISS Computers

"We were going to look for.

smaller groups of hotels, and

expected to grow more slowly," he said, "but the

Embassy price gradually be-

The deal looks something of

came more realistic."

Mr David McCormick, At-

THE financial services group, had been told more redundan-British, & Commonwealth, cies were pending. Price Watcould be forced to write off erhouse, the administrator, another £200 million on At- mid there was no alternative lantic Computets, its com-puter leasing subsidiary, in addition to the £550 million provisions already made.

Analysts say B&C's problems appear to be much worse than feared, and there may be no value left in the company for ordinary shareholders.

Shares in B&C were suspended on Tuesday at 53p, valuing it at just £200 million. But CL-Alexanders Laing & 1988 accounts. It is writing off Cruickshank, Smith New Itamire investment and must Court and at least two other sell £750 million of assets by brokers said further analysis mid-1991 to satisfy bankers indicated write-offs of up to £200 million might be need and achieve an acceptable level of borrowings.

Some analysts said B&C and Court and Court

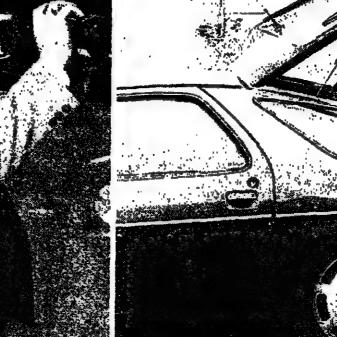
The group's banks have agreed to support R&C, after Bank of England encouragement, and Sir Peter Thompson, the chairman, has agreed to asset sales of £750 million by the middle of next year.

But concern over B&C's million in June 1987, when involvement with Atlantic, to B&C's shares were near their which administrators were appeal of 564p. They are being pointed on Tuesday, and the repaid over four years. extent of the mismenagement, is growing.

CL-Alexanders Laing & with a similar amount, plus Cruicksbank said B&C's prob £81.75 million of capital, due lems at Atlantic were "worse" for repayment by year-end. than the market generally per-ceived. Holders of B&C's convertible stock may be all right; however, there is nothing left for ordinary shareholders." Smith New Court said: "The debate should be focus-

ing on the ripple effect. Indeed the only real assets at B&C which are growing are tax. losses." Atlantic has dismissed 180 employees, mostly from At-lantic Computers Systems, the main leasing company. Staff at the Staines offices said they

cies were pending. Price Watto the redundancies and that international operations were also being reviewed, Atlantic's creditors, including the Royal Bank of Canada, will meet next week to draw B&C bought Atlantic in 1988 for £416 million and has invested another £117 mil-lion, in addition to making a provision of £40 million in the Some analysts said B&C could be in breach of its agreement with Caledonia investments, the Cayzer family's company, which is still owed £179.9 million of capital re-





End of a champagne life style, . . former employees of Atlantic Computers drowned their sorrows in the company car park in Staines

# Bafflement and bubbly as the axe falls

largest computer-leasing com-pany, was celebrated yes-terday in a functeal wake that began outside the modern red brick and glass four-storey company offices in Staines, Middlesex, as still-incredulous employees struggled to come to terms with the immediate loss of their not-inconsiderable incomes.

In a car park once replete

By Ruth Gledhill with Porsches, Jaguars, and ager, who estimates he is owed been removed on Tuesday is determined to salvage from THE demise of Atlantic Computers the world's third.

The demise of Atlantic Computers the world's third.

The demise of Atlantic Computers the world's third. shopping trolley full of bottles able." He described how of champagne and plastic cups end came.
supplied by the company's "The sports and social club. started at all

Executives who claimed they were owed thousands of pounds in unpaid commisgions and homuses muttered darkly about keeping their company cars while they sought "legal advice."

Mr David Laffar, the former worldwide systems man-

"The announcements started at about 11.30am over the Tannoy," he said in disgust. "They said there's a meeting for those who are staving at 12.15, the rest must vacate the building by 12.30, and not come back. Clear our desks, they said, because the

doors would close at 12.30." He said the shredders had

pany information. It is amaz- the afternoon to form their ing how this company has own company which will rise crumbled in two days. They have killed it stone dead." With commission, he

not saying where it is."
Mr Michael Cohen, aged 31,

"like a phoenix from the

Another employee, an interearned more than £50,000 a national broker aged 25, said: year. "I have a company car, a "A month ago, we were Rover. It is not here and I am expanding. We were going to be number one, we were going to take on the biggest. I will who worked in marketing and live off my Amex Gold Card sales, sported a deep tan and a for a week, keep the life style Jaguar XJ6, both of which he up, and look for another job."

### Jarvis pays £202m for Embassy hotels

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

MR JOHN Jarvis, former mind when he left Ladbroke. head of Ladbroke's Hilton "We were going to look for." International hotel chain, has agreed to buy the 41-strong Embassy Hotels chain from Allied-Lyons for £202 million. Mr Jarvis, who resigned suddenly from Ladbroke last January, and Mr David Thomas, his former Ladbroke institutions, and from Japan,

colleague, are seeking financing from London and Scottish and expect to be able to complete the deal by July. Embassy Hotels was put up for sale by Allied last December, after the Monopolies Jarvis Hotels, the company formed to effect the purchase, ing. At the time, analysts will pay Allied £162 million thought that the chain, with hotels throughout Britain, million, four-year loan note from Inverness to Kent, could fetch up to £250 million.

By Stephen Leather, London and John Durie, New York

BAT Industries is to sell its Marshall

Field & Co stores subsidiary to Dayton Hudson Corp for \$1.1 billion.

The sale, expected to be completed in

about six weeks, is part of BAT's

demerger and disposal programme to fight off Sir James Goldsmith's £13.4 billion takeover bid.

Marshall Field's owns 24 stores

throughout the US, which last year

carned a profit of \$88 million, on sales of

\$1.09 billion. Dayton Hudson is one of

America's largest retailers, with 657

stores in 33 states trading as Hudson's,

Dayton's, Target and Mervyn's. Profits

chip institutions. Mr Jarvis, who is aged 47, will be financed by an equity denied that he had Embassy in placing and by borrowings.

### Low borrowing is a boost for Major

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent SURPRISINGLY low public erument debt repayment £0.6

sector borrowing in March billion higher. allowed the Government to report a budget surplus of £7.97 billion for fiscal 1989-90 - above the £7.1 billion Mr the budget surplus was £3.7 John Major, the Chancellor, billion last year - half that of forecast only a month ago.

But any encouragement this a coup for Mr Jarvis, valuing Embassy's 3,150 bedrooms at about £64,000 each. Other gave the Government about recent sales have been struck by notes in circulation data that pointed to M0 - the sole at £100,000 a room and above. officially targeted money-sup-Mr Jarvis claims "significant institutional interest" ply measure - moving further outside its 1-5 per cent target from capital funds and blue-

growth range. sector borrowing requirement last month followed a £1.04 cash, and will issue it a £40 billion repayment in February with a 5 per cent coupon. It is billion PSBR the City had thought that the cash payment

Privatization proceeds last month amounted to £0.6 bilhon. Excluding privatizations,

Dr Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB Interits financial health was offset national, saw the latest figures showing tax receipts still strong, indicating some buoyancy in the economy, despite

the slowdown. In fiscal 1988-89, the budget surplus was £14.5 billion. Mr The £1.63 billion public Major's forecast for the current year is a £7 billion

Bank of England figures and was well below the £2.4 showed notes in circulation rising an adjusted 11.6 per anticipated. Local authority cent in the week to April 18 borrowing was £0.6 billion less compared with the equivalent than forecast and central gov- week last year.

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# Albert Fisher retains that tasty look

FOR a company whose shares million of blackcurrants and Taken among the best strawberries this year, point performers of the 1980s. Al- the growth areas of the future. Fisher has had to work

efficient exercise that it was, though a nose or two £100 million by the year-end. may have been put out of joint at the time.

£30.5 million halfway through Tony Miliar, its genial exec- per cent, but no further. utive chairman.

Underlying organic growth such is the spread and balance cities farms or margin pressure in the tiny European justified. frozen food business, has negligible impact on the overall IBC

However impressive the hard at times to keep its trading results, though, it is instilutional shareholders the balance sheet that underlines Fisher's strength just At least its £180 million now. December's rights issue, fund-raising at the turn of the taken up by 92.7 per cent of tear is now accepted by the shareholders, has left the Cin for the imaginative and group with net cash of £80 million, rising to an expected

Underpinning it all is Corporate Partners, the US There are few greater pacifi- investment house whose ers than performance, of emergence as underwriter to course, and a 53 per cent the rights issue ruffled the odd advance in pre-tax profits to institutional feather last Christmas. CP has 5.1 per cent its year better than sustains of the equity, is locked in for the phenomenal growth three years, and has perrecord of Fisher under Mr mission to raise its stake to 20

in a lackiustre market Fisher shares held steady at was 23.6 per cent, and con- 118p, where, even though a verts into a 23.4 per cent pretax £73 million looks improvement in earnings at comfortably within range for 4.590 a share. Once again, the full year, suggesting earnings of almost 9p a share, they of the group's distribution still command a significant chain across North America premium. Given the group's and Europe that the odd upset, evident defensive qualities, like heavy rain in Spain's and CP's readiness to buy at 110p, it looks more than

Increasing. US demand for LIKE a man running up an pre-prepared salads and such-like and the new frontiers ling in the opposite direction. ling in the opposite direction, opening in eastern Europe, International Business where Fisher will buy £50 Communications (Holdings)



Tony Millar: steering a 1980s star to new heights

runs well at the operating level and in the year ended December saw operating profits up from £14.76 million to £16.58 million. But with interest charges up from £1.43 million to £7.57 million, the group runs out of breath at the pre-tax level, where profits in 1989 came down from £13.3 million to £9 million.

The trick is that following the buy-back at 150p of 40 per cent of its equity, the earnings base has shrunk. This sees net high,

earnings for 1989 rise - from 13.4p to 16.5p a share, which allows IBC to keep faith with shareholders and pay a final dividend of 3p (2.8p), to make 4.5p (4.1p) for the year.

The debt burden is a mixture of capped sterling but free market guilder loans totalling £57.5 million, and a £10 million overdraft - and debt is the see-saw on which IBC shares will continue to swing while interest rates remain

Should interest rates fall by percentage point, IBC earnings stand to benefit by 1.4p a share. But interest rates and market sentiment are not yet running in IBC's favour, and the shares, which have underperformed by 50 per cent in the past nine months, and by 18 per cent in the past

three, stood at 69p yesterday. After balance sheet writedowns, the current price is probably twice the net asset Debt reduction remains an

obligation, and a priority, but that in turn constrains acquisition plans. But while the Fleeet Street Letter "tipsheet" business ticks over, at least the business publishing and the conference division

remain on growth tracks.

A p/e of 4.2 based on published 1989 earnings and an historic yield of 8.7 per cent merely serve to emphasize the

### LEP Group

A CURIOUS beast is the LEP Group, and the lack of anything quite like it is not the least of the factors holding back the share price.

The company is perceived, wrongly, as a British-based transport group. But in the annual figures to end-December, 57 per cent of operating year ago, and the market will profits came from its burgeoning security business in the US, the now 100 per cent-

owned National Guardian Corporation, which is in third or fourth place with 7 per cent of the huge US market.

There is a significant property arm, centring on the little understood LEP House development close to St Paul's, in London, an associated company, but where LEP has the effective rights to all profits.

Most curious of all, there is a tiny offshoot making Aids testing equipment. But the initial core of the group is its worldwide freight forwarding business, now planning further inroads into Eastern Europe but still struggling to resuscitate its US business.

The recovery so far boosted operating profits growth in the distribution business by 70 per cent to £15.2 million last year, and there is room for further growth as the market favours the larger players.

Pre-tax profits came inst £26,5 million, after £18.5 million in 1989, and the compan is probably on course for £35 million this year. The City remains concerned about the 106 per cent gearing, although much of the borrowing is fixed and oversess.

The shares, down 4p at 148p, seli on a cheap-looking less than 8 times future earnings. But beware; they are now 25p or so below their level a

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP Peugeot Talbot up to £135m as sales boom

PEUGEOT Talbox reached record pre-tax profits of £135.3 million last year, when, cashing in on last year's record new car sales, the Coventry company increased its sales in Britain by nearly 10 per cent. It sold almost 140,000 cars, including imports from France, and its Brassh market share rose from 5.7 per cent in 1988 to 6 per cent.

The Ryton plant, which now exclusively produces the Pengeot 405 saloon, turned out 30,000 more cars last year than in 1988 to reach 107,020, melading thousands for export. Last year was the first full year of a return to double shifts at Ryton. The company hopes to produce 120,000 ears, this year, to make it the fifth of increased output. Peugeot Talbot, a subsidiary of Peugeot, of France, was producing only 20,000 cars at Ryton in 1985. By 1987, profits had risen to £13 million and the 1983 figure soured to £106.7 million.

### at £6.9m

SILVERMINES, the high engineering to property group, reports pre-tax profits of IrE7 million (£6.91 million) for the year ended December, compared with Ir£3.22 million, after a rise in investment income which stemmed from the sale of its holding in Tustar Re-sources. Sales were Ir£62.1 million (Ir£36.5 million). A final fr2.5p makes lr4p.

### Silvermines BMW drops £30m plan

BMW (GB), the British subsidiary of Bayerische Motoren Werke, the German car maker, has dropped plans to build a £30 million headquarters and warehouse complex at Swindon, Willshire, for which it won plan-ning consent last week. It said that the decision was due to its parent's plans to reorganize parts distribution os a pen-European basis.

### Bridon close to offer

BRIDON, the wire rope maker, expects to reach agreement

BRIDON, the wire rope maker, expects to reach agreement, on a proposal for a recommended all cash offer for the assued share capital and convertible bonds of NV Verto, a Dutch wire and synthetic fibre rope maker, for £27.2 million.

The offer will be at \$3,25 gmilders cash (£7.26 including the proposed 1989 ordinary dividend of £12.75 per share) for each £120 common share, valuing Verto's net assets at £162.5 million (£20.2 million), net of common share dividend. The expected offer of £1.100 for each £1.000 convertible bond waters the bonds at a total of £12.2 million. values the bonds at a total of F121.8 million.

### at S Daniels

S DANIELS, the food importer and distributor, made a pre-tax loss of £420,000 Webber's Really Useful last year, against a £231,000 Group private is likely to loss previously. Sales tose from £35,6 million to £38.2 Holmes a Court the American million. The loss per share rose from 2.34p to 5.5p. The dividend for the year has been maintained at 2.5p. The canned food division was sold, resulting in a £2.7 million extraordinary credit.

### Loss deepens Really Useful talks likely

line, with a view to breaking the deadlock his 6.6 per cent holding in RUG has created. By the first closing date, the composer's vehicle owned. 89.5 per cent. The offer

### Crean profits up 27%

JAMES Crean, the Dublin electrical products and food distribution group, reported a 27.8 per cent advance in pre-tex profits to Inf21.5 million (£21 million) in the year to end-December, on sales 36.7 per cent higher at Inf184 million. Fully diluted earnings per share climb from 1r47.6p to 1r53.3p. The final dividend is improved to 1r10.4765p (1r9.3125p), making lr17.6265p for the year, up 11.5 per cent on last year. The company said its principal subsidiaries all performed satisfactorily, as did lescreational Aircraft Services, in which the group holds a 30.67 per cent interest.

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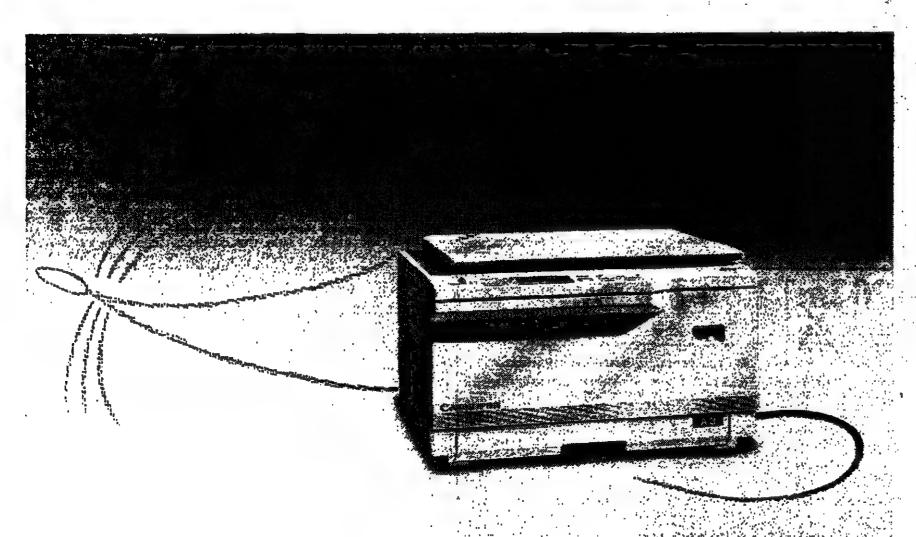
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# EC initiative set to end Airbus subsidy dispute

\$10 billion in government subsidies paid to Airbus Industrie could be settled by the end of the month after a peace the Airbus board. initiative by the European

Once that problem has been solved, British Aerospace will be told how much it will have four-month strike at its plants. They halted delivery of wings for the Airbus jets and caused anger among the partners over the ensuing chaos.

the consortium's rules. It is

The dispute between Europe more likely, however, that a that in many respects they are civilian aircraft projects. and America over the alleged compromise will be reached in all grey and there are no black Europe has insisted it cannot pay less, although the details have not yet been discussed by

> Hopes are rising on both sides of the Atlantic that a draft proposal drawn up in Brussels, to be discussed in Washington, could prevent a threatening to wreck the suc-cess of Airbus in the US.

After years of recrimination, during which the US threatened to impose a penal The strike is estimated to duty on imported Airbus airbave cost between \$180 million and \$200 million and BAe could technically be asked for Boeing 747 jumbos, the climate has suddenly improved.

which BAe will be asked to and whites," an official in- agree never to accept governvolved in the talks said. It is ment launch aid but has ridiculous for old friends to accepted the need for greater fall out in this way when they openness and financial face a more significant common enemy in Japan."

> The EC plan involves rewri-Germany, France and Spain.

It would also recognize America's right to provide hidden subsidies to its own

Britain has regarded itself as innocently caught in the wranting two key clauses in the gle. The Government provid-General Agreement on Tariffs ed a one-off £250 million to to pay in compensation for the damaging trade war, which is and Trade on civil aircraft sal- BAe to help build the wings es, which would effectively for the successful A320 jet, of "legalize" the Airbus launch which £50 million had to be aid provided by Britain, West repaid almost immediately and the remainder contained a high interest payment.

It is now expected that all the cash will have been repaid aircraft manufacturers when 600 aircraft have been through research contracts sold, in about three years, placed by the Defence Department, which are then used in reap profits on its investment.

### MSR in £149m rights issue

By Matthew Bond

MR MARTYN Deaner, chairman of the off-shore oil production group Midland & Scottish Resources, is confident that its 20 per cent shareholder British & Commonwealth will take up its share of a £149 million rights issue launched by MSR.

"We expect B&C to take up its rights. They have made a lot of money out of MSR. It's only a question of the banks they are involved with deciding whether it is a good idea," Mr Deaner said. Mr John Gunn, B&C's chief

executive, who joined the MSR board last year, has agreed to take up his personal

MSR launched the 11-for-10 rights issue to finance a £156 million acquisition of a private company controlled MSR directors. A further £35 million is being raised through the issue of noninterest-bearing convertible loan notes.

MSR's shares, which were the best performing shares of 1989, fell 23p to 173p. MSR is 49.4 per cent owned

by a private company, Midland & Scottish Group, which is 60 per cent owned by Mr Deaner, with other MSR directors also having interests. The rights issue has irrevo-

cable commitments from 49.5 per cent of its shareholders. BZW, the company's adviser, has underwritten the balance of the issue.

MSR will use the money to buy Tortin, a Guernsey holding company whose principal subsidiary is Societa Armamento Navi Appoggio, an Italian company. The Rome company has placed a £200 million contract with Italy's state-owned and subsidized shipbuilding company to build a semi-submersible floating production platform — one of the biggest in the world.

Oil Field Development, another Tortin subsidiary, will provide project management for the design of the rig and its eventual deployment. Mr Deaner says OFD has identi-fied 10 potential small fields which the Italian-built platform could work on when completed in 1992.
MSR is already adapting

one vessel to exploit its main current asset, its 44 per cent interest in the Emerald field in the North Sea. The rights issue was accom-

panied by MSR's results for the year to December, revealing sharply reduced losses of £2.5 million before tax.

to the boardroom securities business, and especially the endless argument stopped short of suggesting that institutional investors should be on company over takeover bids and short-term tional investors should be on company

boards - but that is where his arguthinking, ultimately stem from the ments clearly pointed. dominance of institutional fund man-Relatively few takeover bids are agers, who now control 70 per cent of about replacing managements who have shares and an even higher proportion of upset their institutional shareholders. trading. In contrast to private investors, But these cases have persuaded fund managers to see bidders as their champions in raising the value of their who see investment choices individually, fund managers tend to view shares in one company as interinvestments. Direct influence can only changeable with shares in dozens or hundreds of others at, or near, the be achieved if big shareholders have relative ratings established in the seats in the boardroom, taking part in the decisions on strategy, share issues or While that is the case, the relationship management pay, rather than just being of institutions and companies must be the target of hard-sell presentations of

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Fund managers edged

decisions already taken. It would be impractical for top fund managers to sit on hundreds of boards. They should, in effect, choose and hire most of the non-executive directors who are supposed to represent all shareholders but too often represent none. This could either be done jointly or by one or more lead institutions for each big

Since this would give the institutions a privileged position, there would probably need to be a quid pro quo for private shareholders. The most constructive might be enhanced voting

rights for small shareholders.
All such devices distort a free capital market and are no substitute for long-term moves to correct imbalances of supply and demand for shares. But they should have positive benefits and are indubitably much better than laws frustrating shareholders' rights, which are burgeoning in the United States and could well make an appearance here if the City and The argument has moved a long way industry do not take the initiative.

# Policing public purchases D ritish business stands to gain point for business is an estimate that

substantially if Europe can be weaned off its strong nationalistic bias in public sector purchasing policies - if we do not find ourselves playing by the rules when others are bending them. That much has been evident during the Office, attended by nearly 200, mostly British, business leaders and prospec-

at the centre of the argument over the

takeover industry, whose perceived

disregard for the interests of British

business is highly vulnerable to a change

of government. The drive to improve

contacts has, unsurprisingly, yet to

persuade fund managers to put long-

term loyalty above short-term fund

ing strongly from the shadows as chairman of the Stock Exchange, took

the argument a stage further yesterday.

Fund managers instinctively take a longer view if they have personal

knowledge of management and the business, he suggested. Company boards should, therefore, try to forge a partnership with their main institu-

tional investors even if this sometimes

turns them into insiders, with know-

ledge not available to the public or to the

stock market. The administrative and

time costs to institutions could be

defrayed by co-operative ventures be-

But Andrew Hugh Smith, now emerg-

performance.

tive buyers from mainland Europe. What Sir Geoffrey Howe condemned as "the scandal of national preference" bedevils the issue. While paying lip service to the principles of free trade, governments and associated agencies have tended to buy from their accustomed domestic suppliers. Sir Geoffrey's arithmetic suggests that with EC public procurement worth about £450 billion a year, there could be efficiency savings of about £70 billion if the winds of competition were allowed to blow

That is fine for those paying the bills

point for business is an estimate that as EC directives progressively free up public sector purchasing, present crossborder sales worth about £20 billion should grow to about £100 billion.

Britain's market share is about a fifth. So we ought to be able to look to a net past two days of conferences, courtesy of gain of at least £16 billion or even more, the National Economic Development as long as the public procurement trading game is played on even terms. But if Britain finds itself at the sunken end of a badly tilting playing field, British business could probably say goodbye to that £16 million.

Clearly, the Commission in Brussels must push hard on this one - there is agreement by the member countries to free up the utilities, such as water, telecommunications, energy and transport. But directives will only be the start; everybody admits this is tricky territory bedevilled by the thickets of bureaucracy. Robert Coleman, the Commissioner involved, will not only have to be prepared to act as policeman but to have the forensic skills of an - ultimately taxpayers. But more to the Hercule Poirot.

### "Both sides have realized Profits top £10m at Wm Low

By Gillian Bowditch

SCOTTISH stores group Wm Low has regained some of the credibility it lost when its £212 million deal to buy the northern Gateway stores from Isosceles fell through last mouth.

Mr James Millar, Low's managing director, revealed strong earnings growth in the six months to March with pre-tax profits up from £8.2 million to £10.5 million. Turnover rose from £157 million to £185 million and fully diluted earnings per share rose from 11.2p to 15.4p. The interim dividend is 2.5p, up from 2.1p.

Like-for-like sales growth in the first half was 8.7 per cent and is maintaining that level in the second half. Margins rose from 5.2 per cent to 6 per.

Mr Harvie Findley, finance director, said there was no downturn in spending on food, and added that the emphasis on fresh foods and value-added products was

Two new stores were added in the first half and one was extended. No new stores are planned for the accord half, but 10 will be opened in the next two years. The interest £590,000 and £639,000 of

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tale of Wip

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No red faces: James Millar, left, and Harvie Findlay enjoy improved profits

interest was capitalized, com- disappointed not to acquire pared with £360,000 last time. some of Gateway's northern Gearing is about 20 per cent stores, but added that he was and the capital-expenditure programme for this year is likely to be about £30 million.

not prepared to go ahead other than on terms beneficial to Wm Low.

Mr Christopher Blake, the There will be an extraor-group's chairman, said he was dinary charge in the full-year

figures relating to the cost of the aborted deal. It is likely to be less than £1 million.

Last year's figures included an extraordinary charge of £2.7 million for the aborted

### Rockfort ahead of forecast

By Our City Staff

Shares in Rockfort, the prop erty developer and house-builder, fell 7p to 25p, despite reporting preliminary figures slightly better than the company had told shareholders to expect three months ago.

In January, Mr Roger Smee chairman, said that profits for the full year were unlikely to show much improvement on the £2.8 million it made at the interim stage.
In the event, Rockfort made

£3.1 million pre-tax profits in the year to December, compared with £8.8 million. Earnings per share were sharply lower at 4.6p, compared with 16.2p. But despite this and, contrary to some expectations, a final dividend of 0.5p is being paid to make

### Two abrupt twists in Runciman fight

Walter Runciman, the shipping and security equipment group, took two abrupt turns last night with a higher and final cash offer from Avena, the Swedish group, valuing it at £63.4 million, and news that the Runciman management was in talks with a third

Avena, which only on Wednesday increased its initial offer from 520p to 625p a share, is now offering the equivalent of 699p, including a 9p final Runciman dividend already proposed. Avena says it now owns or has the support of shares representing 46.7 per cent of its quarry's share capital, having bought another 12.9 per cent in the market before raising its offer yes-

THE battle for control of terday. The shares bought Soomsii Amicable.

Lord Runciman, Runciman's chairman, whose family controls about 30 per cent of the company, said he was surprised at the institution's decision, which he believed would cost it money.

He would not name the third party, although it is widely believed to be a West German or Scandinavian shipping group, but said Runciman had been in touch with it for the duration of the bid. Shareholders were advised to take no action pending the talks' outcome.

But a spokesman for the other side dismissed the Runciman statement as "very

### Offer for Sketchley is dropped

By Angela Mackay

away from its £97 million paper offer for Sketchley, the cleaning and vending group. leaving the way clear for introduction of a proposed management team to try to trade it out of its difficulties.

Mr Gerry Robinson, Compess chief executive, said: "We have always said we would not overpay for the company."

The announcement was made after the market closed yesterday, when Compass ended down 5p at 305p, with sketchiey unchanged at 265p. Compass said it would not

increase or extend its offer beyond the April 24 closing date unless it could be declared unconditional. Yesterday, Compass could speak for only about 1 per cent of Sketchley.

# Who had the world's fastest industrial growth rate in the eighties?

When you consider that Ontario covers an area the size of France and Spain combined, it is perhaps less surprising to learn that between 1984 and 1988 the world's fastest industrial growth actually took place here.

That fact becomes totally un-surprising when you examine the reasons behind that phenomenal achievement.

To begin with a well developed, dynamic industrial infrastructure and excellent communications by road, rail and air with a North American market of 275 million people provides an excellent basis for expansion.

Corporate taxation in Ontario means simply that it is very profitable to do business here and government policy establishes companies quickly and efficiently.

Toronto's sophisticated financial community helps attract increasing levels of overseas investment (of 14.2 billion dollars, 9 billion comes from British companies).

And an enthusiastic, well-educated

workforce (one fifth of whom speak a second language) and first class technological expertise ensure productivity and quality control second to none.

But having explained the industrial growth rate, we suspect the real reason that companies like Glaxo, Hillsdown Holdings, Cadbury-Schweppes are here is that the quality of life, in both the cities and magnificent Ontario wilderness, is just as

If you want to make it big, make it in Ontario.

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### Roberts to the rescue at P&D

THE irreplaceable Stephen "gilts guru" Lewis, who once predicted that 50,000 City jobs would be lost after the stock market crash in 1987, man Publications, and remains a consultant there. His on Wednesday night. Best old job has gone to Malcolm Roberts from rival securities house Salomon Brothers. Roberts, who left Salomon on Wednesday, is due to begin work at P&D next month. A former senior economist at the Henley Forecasting Centre, Roberts began his City career as the chief UK economist at Laing & Cruickshank. He joined Salomon in 1986 as head of bond research. At P&D, he will be deputy managing director of the debt division, responsible for international debt research. Nicholas Ryan, the division's managing director, said: "This appointment, which includes financial responsibility for the firms currency research, reflects the importance attached by the company to this aspect of its client services," Roberts' skills in "establishing international fixed income and asset allocation strategies" made this a key appointment.

### Dullish deal

"WANTED, High-flying City executive, forties, go-getting, male or female, required for Saatchi, is that unit trusts are 10-year contract. Professional qualification essential. Must whole thing less dull, said a



### Farewell to Newberry

remembered as a bon viveur and for his ability to take no notes at a press conference

jobs would be lost after the stock market crash in 1987, has finally been replaced at UBS Phillips & Drew. Lewis, a former partner, left the firm a year ago to form Fifth Horseman Publications, and remainder the stock market crash in 1987, has finally been replaced at the stoc half a dozen different City Editors, including our own John Bell - City Editor of the Sunday Express 1983-86 - who said: "I do not know of and still reproduce all the figures with the utmost acc- any financial journalist regarded with as much affection uracy, he took early retireby his peers." He is survived ment in 1986. An impressive crooner, he could never resist by his wife, Kay, and two sons.

> know something about unit musts. Salary by negotiation.". So'read the message this week from the beleaguered Unit Trust Association, which is trying to recruit a dynamic chief to lead it through the 1990s. The UTA, which represents the £55 billion unit trust industry, has been accused, among other things, of lacking direction. So now the hunt is on for a high-flier to take over from Tony Smith, the present chief executive, who retires next year. And, in a letter to John Fairbairn, the UTA chairman, help has now been offered by an unexpected white knight - the advertising group Saatchi & Saatchi. which is only too familiar with matters of image. The problem, according to Saatchi &

boring. "We have to make the

spokesman. "It should be managed by less dull people doing less dull things with less dull advertising." How refreshingly frank . . .



"I believe it could

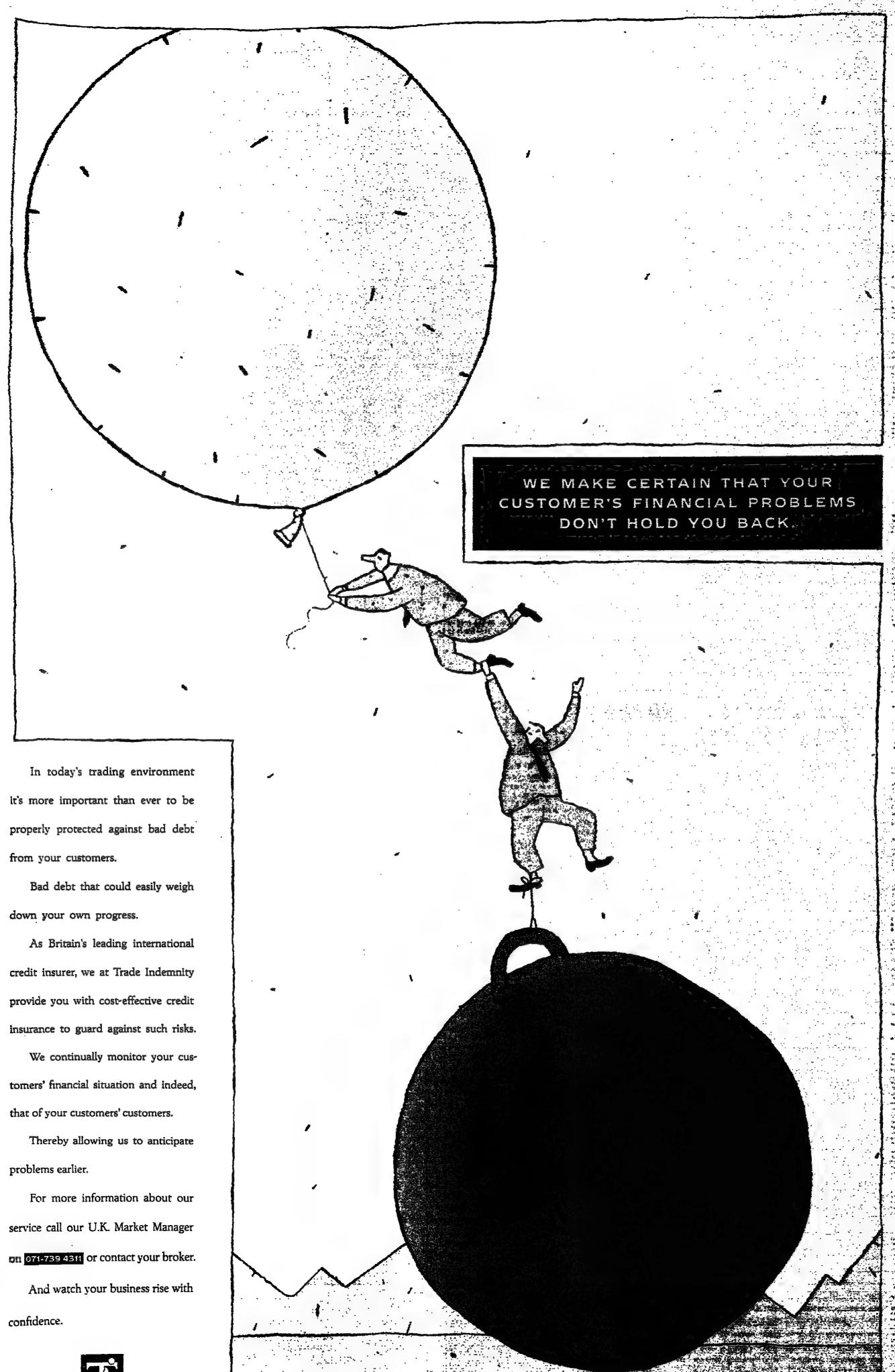
Carry on at Capel ROBERT Maxwell's appointment of Smith New Court as

his corporate broker, and that

firms subsequent recruitment of top-rated publishing analyst Terry Connor from James Capel, left a vacancy at Capel which has been filled in-ternally. Neil Blackley, ranked number one in Extel's league table of agencies analysts, and Quentin Price - who switched to the agencies team from being head of options research at Capel a month ago — will jointly assume the publishing manule, while continuing with their coverage of advertising agencies. "We will be cutting down on a number of the smaller agency stocks - about half a dozen - but not necessarily advertising agen-cies," said Blackley, "More stocks, like Michael Peters Group, have dropped significantly in market capitalization since we no longer do any business in them." Capel stalwart Tony Pennie is still researching publishing, print-ing, paper and packaging stocks for the firm, after about 20 years, and Blackley says this will ensure continuity. To highlight the launch next month of Platinum 1990, Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, will dis-play a rather special wedding dress — made from platinum. "super-thin platinum." Valued at about £300,000, instructions with the dress include: "Ironing the costume is strictly prohibited"

beyond the reach of spec-Carol Leonard

and "Position the costume



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TRADE INDEMNITY PLC

BRITISH banks and building societies are likely to have to keep more detailed records of customers and transactions as part of a planned crackdown on the estimated \$85 billion of drugs profits laundered each year in Europe and the US.

This follows the publication of a report on money laundering compiled by banking and law enforcement officials from the Group of Seven nations and eight other countries, including Australia, Laxem-bourg, the Netherlands, Spain

The illicit drugs trade in the US and Europe is producing an estimated annual turnover of more than \$120 billion for traffickers, with only about \$35 billion being consumed in

The most significant of the report's 40 recommendations is that the international community should not follow the example of Australia and the US in imposing a legal duty on financial institutions to report to a central monitoring unit every transaction above a certain limit.

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and West Germany.

Other recommendations are

that governments should give

police and Customs powers to

seize suspicions loads of cash

at border points and that

finance houses should take

greater care in establishing the

which only obliges institutions in the US, Australia, France, to report suspicious Canada, Italy and Luxembourg. Notably, however, it remains legal in both Japan actions.

The report, whose recommendations are technically non-binding, but are seen to have a strong "moral" force, It urged instead that counals o called on all states to make laundering a separate criminal offence. Outlawed in 1926 Act. Britain under the 1986 Drug Britain under the 1986 Act, Trafficking Offences Act, laundering is also an offence

before setting up accounts and should keep better records of

It is understood the British delegation played a key role in thwarting US demands for mandatory reporting of transactions, pointing out that the American system was linked to more comprehensive money-laundering legislation than existed elsewhere.

The Treasury, which welcomed the report, said that it believed the British approach to be the "most cost effective and efficient." It added: "It will continue to be so as long as it enjoys the active support and co-operation of our major financial institutions".

None of the report's recommendations imply further legislative action by the Government, whose tough stance on drnes issues means that it will shortly be able to ratify the 1988 United Nations Convention on the illicit narcotics trade. Only four countries have ratified so far.

Last month, Mr David Waddington, the Home Sec-retary, unveiled a new counter-measure when he annonnced that police and Customs would be given the power to seize sums of cash at border points where they suspected the money stemmed

# £2m profit for Hawtal

By Philip Pangalos

HAWTAL Whiting Holdings. the automotive design and engineering consultancy, re-vealed pre-tax profits of £2.17 million in the year to end-December, compared with a loss of £862,000 last time. Group turnover advanced

by 61 per cent to £49.7 million worldwide following xpansion.

Earnings per share stood at 16.9p (11.4) and the dividend has been raised to 4p (0.1p) for

the year. Interest payments rose from £935,000 to £1.78 million, with gearing at about 49 per cent. There is an exceptional debit of £258,000 due to a prior adjustment relating to

Mr John Whitecross, the

chairman, said the extensive

measures taken over the last two years to return the group to profit have been successful. The build-up of volume business with new customers and markets in many parts of the world was beginning to reduce exposure to any single market. Mr Whitecross added that, as in 1989, some orders were deferred early this year, calling

for a reduction in manning. However, the order book is well in advance of this time last year. The shares climbed

### **Great Southern** reaches £3.54m

A COMBINATION of a 5 per cent nationally, but lower-than-usual death rate Great Southern's volumes had and higher-than-expected bor- risen by 8 per cent because of rowings kept pre-tax profits at its concentration in London Great Southern Group, the and the South. undertaker, to £3.54 million in Interest payre the year to end-December. against £3.02 million taken after £348,000 from exceptional land sales last time.

increases the total by 1p to 8p. Mr Eric Spencer, the deputy chairman and chief executive. said that mortality rates had increased considerably since the end of the year, and the rather than by a share placing. group had seen further margin improvements as a result of

accruisitions made previously.

Interest payments had shot up to £1.37 million last year, from £838,000, and borrowings were now just short of £12 ional land sales last time. million, representing gearing
A final dividend of 5.4p of 107 per cent. Difficult stock market conditions for smaller companies last year 'had meant that £2 million of deferred consideration had had to be funded in cash

There were almost £3 million worth of property discquisitions made previously.

The death rate had risen by posals in the pipeline, delayed by the property market slump.

### Miskin edges ahead despite turnover slip

MISKIN Group, the contract- chairman, said that current ing, property development and plant hire company that came to the Unlisted Securities Market last April, lifted pre-tax profits from £523,000 10 £559,000 in the year to end-January.

Turnover slipped from £7.02 million to £6.8 million. Earnings per share fell from 6.9p to 4.5p, with adjusted earnings reduced from 5.1p to 4.5p. There is a final dividend of 1.375p (nil).

Mr Jeffrey Goodman,

prospects were favourable. With a considerable amount of work already contracted, turnover in the construction and building division should rise substantially. However, slow residential property sales had affected the division's

tinue to do so in this first half. Interest payments rose from £94,000 to £158,000. There is an extraordinary loss of £45,000. The shares were unchanged at 36p.

profit levels, and would con-

### Liberty beats the squeeze

By Gillian Bowditch

Liberty, the retail group with a Regent Street flagship store, is bearing up well despite the fall in consumer spending. Pre-tax profits for the year to January rose from £6.45 million to £7.42 million on sales of £85.2 million, up from £72.7

Earnings per share rose from 24.4p to 26.3p and the final dividend is 4.55p making 5.95p, up from 5.04p.

Liberty Japan, a joint venture with Seibu department stores, reported strong profits in the first full year of trading. In Britain, retail profits fell by £1 million to £1.9 million but the wholesaling division increased profits by £1.3 million to £4.6 million. Demand for Liberty fabric is still strong.

The US loss rose from £193,000 to £203,000. Mr Harry Weblin, Liberty's chairman said prudent manage-ment and the overall strength of the group's business make it less vulnerable to difficult trading conditions.

He said: "The level of retail sales and orders in the wholesale and printing companies in current trading year show an encouraging improvement over the same period last

The voting shares were unchanged at 435p and the non-voting shares were also static at 225p.

### Standard ordered to pay £2.5m in Tokyo back tax

BRITAIN'S Standard Chart figure; but the construction ered Bank has been fined company then paid the belabout 650 million yen (£2.5 million) in back taxes by the from a court fund. Tokyo tax authorities in connection with an undeclared sum of money earned from seiling a plot of land in the city

more than two years ago. it did nothing underhand, and a spokesman yesterday denied charges by Tokyo tax officials, reported prominently in the Japanese media, that the pen-alty had been levied because Standard Chartered tried to conceal \$9 million received

its 1989 accounts

Newspapers in Japan tricky.

quoted tax officials as saying He said that the bank recthat Standard Chartered sold eived the \$9 million from 6,150 sq m of residential land. Samuel Mon in central Tokyo to Haseko Corp. a construction company that specializes in apartme

billion in July 1987. However, under limits imposed by Tokyo local government to dampen the capital's land price boom, the sale price of that plot of land was capped at Y18.9 billion.

Tax officials allege that Standard Chartered and Haseko drew up a contract saying that Haseko paid only that

The Yomiuri newspaper, Japan's biggest-selling broad-sheet, said: "According to a Haseko source, Haseko acore than two years ago. tually bought the land for However, the bank says that Y20.41 billion. But the face price of the contract was reduced to Y18.9 billion, which was the maximum legal price. Haseko paid the balance to Standard Chartered Bank by a back-door route."

Tax officials said that Standard Chartered failed to pay tax on the \$9 million, but a The bank also said that although the fine has only just come to public light, it made thought that it was not liable provision for the payment in for tax in Japan, not because it was trying to do anything

> ant bank, which was willing to pay this premium for the right to handle the land sale. That reimbursed with \$9 million by Haseko was a matter between Samuel Montagu and Haseko.

> Although Standard Chartered had received the money, the route had been an indirect one. The bank had not considered it liable for tax in Japan, but the tax office had deemed

### Prague company move

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S partiament has approved laws permitting private enterprise and the establishment of joint

The private enterprise law stipulates that anyone can

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# Tandon introduce the computer that doesn't add up. (A laptop that costs less than a desktop.)

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It doesn't take a genius to know that a laptop usually costs more than its equivalent desktop. Yet at £2499, the Tandon 386 laptop is over £100

cheaper than the Tandon PAC 386sx desktop. Despite its miniaturised price, however,

the 386 laptop is certainly no dummy. In addition to a 40MB hard disk, it has the same remarkably retentive mem- 76, 345 ory as its desk-bound brother - IMB RAM. All processing expandable to 5MB. And the same speedy 16/8MHz 386sx processor. But although big in capacity, the 386 laptop is impressively small in size.

> Weighing in at a very slender 14.5 lbs it's particularly handy should your work involve missions overseas.

Other features you'll appreciate are its 3 hour battery life, a high clarity V(IA screen. and an AT keyboard with 12 function keys.

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### **BUSINESS LETTERS**

### Sting in abolishing certificates Taxing times

From E. H. Rackley

and elsewhere, relating to Smith from those of his son, problems that will arise if the or grandson, of the same name proposed abolition of share and recorded at the same certificates takes place. May I address. poire another stick in this little corneis' nest?

Should I die before I sell them, the person turning over care of that, provided he lived two documents indicating my ownership of 660 shares in and if he did have one, that British Gas. These shares can someone can remember what thus be valued and added to it was ... all this assumes, of taxation and distribution, and mind is a centralised and or transferred according to companies and shareholders; circumstance, with the minimum of trouble.

If they succeed in abolishing Exchange will presumably be prepared to run a computer check upon notification of the death of any potential investor, man, woman or child, in the country, in order to ascertain whether or not a stock holding in that name exists.

The Inland Revenue is likely to require some such enquiry to be obligatory, and it will certainly be necessary in the Bromsgrove, Worcs. interests of beneficiaries of April 12.

any estate. The Stock Ex-Sir. A number of points have change will need only to disbeen made in your columns tinguish the holdings of John

Inclusion in the computer of the investor's National Insurance number will take my personal papers will find most of the time in this country and had a number; the rest of my vast fortune for course, that what they have in their ownership relinquished consolidated register of all if not, the brow does begin to

furrow a little It is not for fun that British share certificates, the Stock Gas, on the back of these unnecessary pieces of paper, feels it worth while to print in large letters "This share certificate is a valuable document which you should keep in a safe place" and to say very much the same thing twice on Yours faithfully

regional water tariff, excluding

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cubic metre, which is presum-

E. H. RACKLEY, 23 Rediand Close.

ably the true cost

### Water tariffs of water." However, he omits to say that Southern Water's

From R. D. Winyard Sir. In the article on water meter trials (Business News, April 16), Mr David Gadbury, of Southern Water, offers no sympathy for pool owners, or, by implication, for gardeners on the Isle of Wight.

He rightly comments: the manipulation of, and "They must pay the true cost experimentation with, tariffs

Sir. Tax due on all my income as a basic rate taxpaying pensioner is withheld from my occupational pension.

In filing my P60 for 1989-90, just received, I compared the tax taken with that paid 40 years earlier in 1949-50.

The amount taken has multiplied by a factor of 140. When I look at my gross income in the same two years, I find the multiplier for that is

My allowances now, as then, are those of a married man, the only difference being that I now have a small mortgage interest relief.

Were City analysts serious when they suggested tax rates should have been increased in the March Budget? Yours sincerely, RAYMOND V. FOX, Lanterns. 15 Braywick Road,

Maidenhead, Berkshire. April 11.

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during the trials, and that the consumer has to pay through the nose while they continue. Yours faithfully, R. D. WINYARD, Woodview.

Youngwoods Way, At that level of charge, few pool owners or gardeners Alverstone Garden Village, Sandown What does cause concern is isle of Wight,

INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

# Switching savings into shares



Inherent disadvantages: Andrew Hugh Smith

City yesterday blamed each other for the difficulties in expanding share ownership beyond what it has been over the past decade.

Mr John Redwood, the Corporate Affairs Minister, urged the City to make share dealing faster, cheaper and simpler, but Mr Andrew Hugh Smith, the chairman of London's International Stock Exchange, called for a shift in economic fundamentals, requiring changes in Government objectives and policy.

Both were addressing an Institute of Economic Affairs Conference - Wider Ownership, the Next Steps. Mr Hugh Smith identified

the high level of home ownership - a key policy of Mrs Thatcher's Government - 25 being "directly in competition" with the goal of wider share ownership.

Another obstacle was the fixed interest deposits offered by banks and building socicties, which were very attractive compared with returns on ordinary shares, particularly after adjustment for risk.

To switch savings flows into shares the Government would have to alter the relative value of remans on investments and recognize the trade-off be-tween individual property ownership and share owsership, Mr Hugh Smith said.

It would also have to appreciate that high interest rates tend to favour the low-risk,

THE Government and the deposit-type investment. The fixing and main value of the pound. "If this is remain high and the hurdle for returns on equity investment,

At least two-thirds of in-dustry was owned by private individuals in the late, 1950s. Today, less than 20 percent of

While tax relief on mortug interest payments favoured home ownership, elements of the Capital Gains Tax were still seen to penaltie share ownership compared with other forms of investm

Mr Hugh Smith said that unless the skewing of savings flows away from share ownership was changed, "any drive to achieve wider share ownership will be fighting ag

Mr Redwood said the share markets had to become "mos eccesible" and "less cool

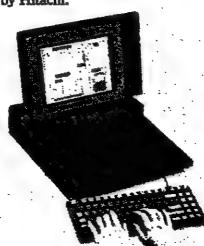
"It is vitel that the cost of transacting a sha kept low to avoid discouraging the small shareholder," he said, citing the £17.50 cost of executing a small barysin in

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### City must seek to restore trust in institutions?

The alternative, said Mir ndrew Hogh Smith, was the Indiew Hogh Sa ons, perimps artistary would be forced on the

dustry's distrest of its institutional investors, "we can be sure there is a problem," he told the conference in

"It cannot be healthy that the gaps of understanding, the level of distrust of the City and

He listed the firmiliar comies they owned, of "short-termism" and their observiors with maximiz-ing shareholder value.

While coming out firmly against moves to restrict takeover bids, Mr Hugh Smith said that if the complaints about institutional investors' short-termism were justified,

held about 70 per cent shares in industry.

But he said ownership car-

ried obligations as well as privileges, and failure to rec-ognise the obligations was likely to lead to pressure for intervention, probably by the He proposed that one apin industry to seek to put aside the buyer and seller relation

ship and cultivate more of "partnership relationship" with their institutional This might involve accep ing that the institutions could become insiders for a time and

that this would be part of the price. But it would allow investment managers to read more informed conclusions about the long-term values of their investment and develop greater loyalty.

### Hong Kong may go it alone over airport plan

THE Hong Kong Govern- can still finance it with our ment reaffirmed its commit- own accumulated fiscal rement to the HK\$127 billion (£10 billion) airport plan amid growing concern that the project could be torpedoed by Pelong.

Sir Piers Jacobs, the Financial Secretary, said he had yet to coavince China of the viability of a new airport, but was confident that Hong Kong

"If it came to the pinch we

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serves," he said. Hong Kong's reserved of HK\$71 billion will go a long way towards financing the airport, which will cost HK\$35 billion, and the road, transport and utility links. HK\$42 billion. The HK\$50 billion port expansion plan, however, would have to be phased out if private funds

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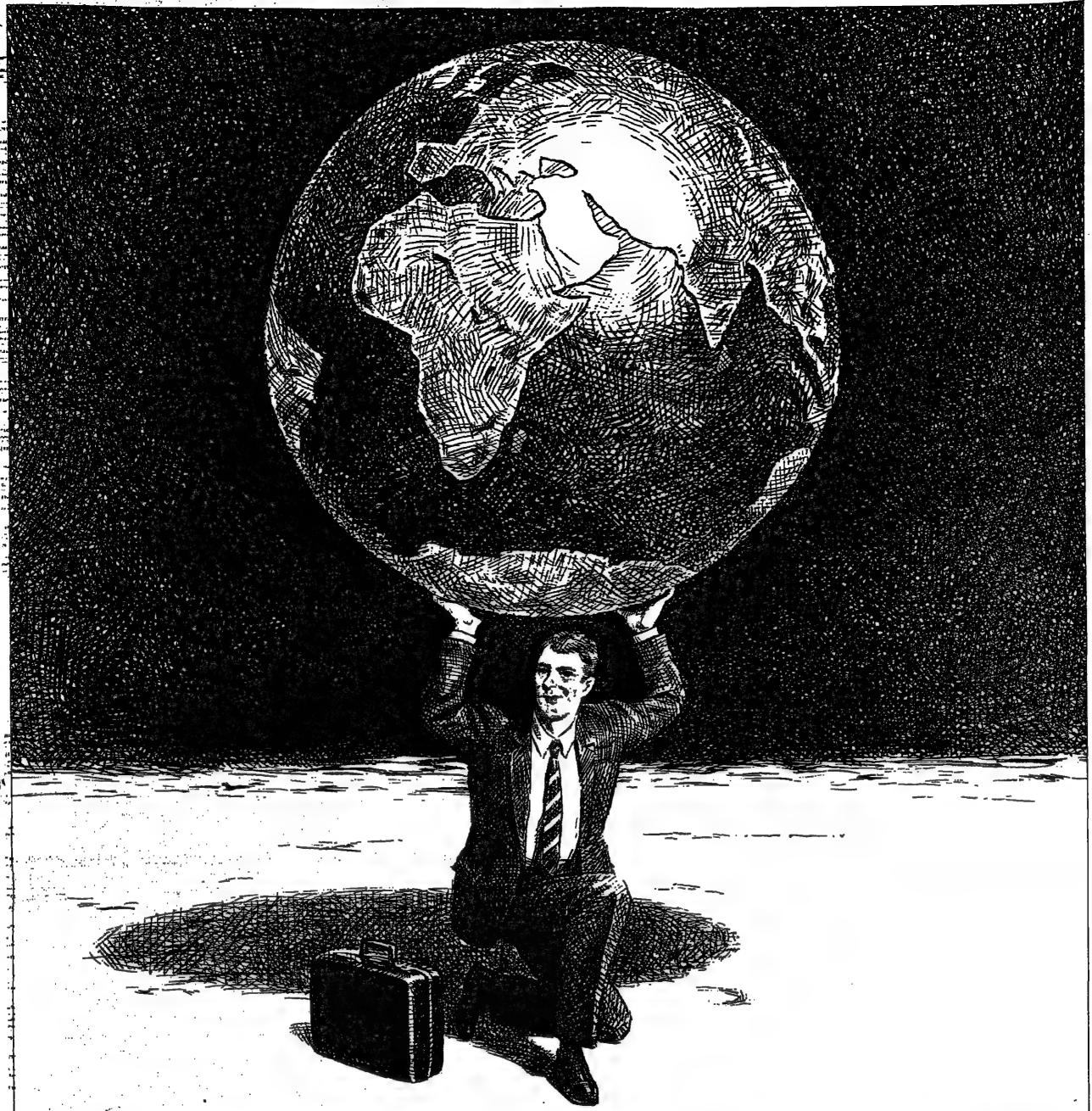
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# Falls in water shares set to level off

THE sharp fall in the water companies is showing signs of bottoming out, with one leading securities house claiming that fears of re-nationalization, if the Labour Party wins the next general election, have been overdone.

are set to embark on a capital expenditure programme totalling £25 billion over the next le years. This is not something a Labour government involved in Instead, Labour is likely to demand a bigger say in how the individual water companies set their

Share prices of the water companies have continued to Full-year figures from lose ground since the start of Ford Sellar Morris, the February on political worries. property company, are The sector stands at a 46 per cent discount to the rest of the is forecasting pre-tax market, boasting a prospective yield of 8 per cent, against the average 5.5 per cent. Hoare says that if the Conservative party can do better than expected in next month's local asset value of 200p. elections, then the water shares may be due for a rally, with Anglian, Wessex and

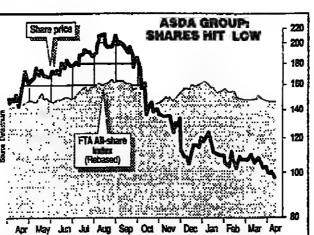
Thames heading Hoare's shopping list There were signs that the message was starting to get through yesterday with Angiian up 3p to 146p, Northumbrian 4p to 163p. Severn Trent 11:p to 132p. South West 5p to 15 p. Wessex 3p to 145p, and the water package £13

Thames, ip cheaper at 1201/2p. Welsh, ip lower at 162p, and Yorkshire. 2p off at

152p, failed to make headway. The rest of the equity Security Pacific Hoare Gov- market suffered an early ett says the water companies markdown after the overnight tall on Wall Street and worsening gloom about the British economy. Unconfirmed reports that Warburg Securities was about to publish a bearish would like to become readily economic survey forecasting average interest rates of 15 per cent for the rest of the year and inflation reaching 10.5 per cent, only added to the gloom. A resilient performance by

> unlikely to disappoint. BZW profits of £25 million, against £14.1 million, with gearing falling below 100 per cent. The shares, down 2p at 112p, compare with a net

the FT-SE 100 index on the futures market, where investors have built up large bear positions, prevented the falls from being extended. At-tempts at a rally proved shortlived, and, with another hesitant start on Wall Street, the index dipped below the 2,200 level to finish 21.2 points down at 2.184.7. The FT Index of 30 shares lost 20.4



1,712.2 on turnover of 491,9 million shares. Government securities clawed back early falls of £1/4 to finish £1% better in thin

In the drinks sector, Allied-Lyons rose op to 432p after announcing the sale of its 41-strong Embassy Hotel chain to Jarvis Hotels for £202 million. Scottish & Newcastle firmed 2p to 298p on turnover of 2.5 million shares as one securities house urged clients to switch out of Grand Metropolitan, 5p better at 584p, and into Scottish and Allied. Glaxo fell 10p to 785p.

presentation to more than 700 doctors from all over the world in London on Saturday for Lozec, its anti-ulcer drug. Analysts are worried that Astra is about to prescribe Lozec for a much wider range of ulcer complaints, which could provide Zantac, Glaxo's bestselling anti-ulcer drug, with increased competition.

Astra, the Swedish pharm-

aceutical group, will give a

STC firmed 4p to 261p on revived talk that it is about to sell part of its holding in ICL, Britain's biggest computer and technology group. Fujitsu, of Japan, is said to be eager to

### TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

The appearance of a large group is continuing to expand seller depressed the price of Asda, down 6p to a low of 94p. A line of I million shares was placed in the market on Wednesday and a further 2 million were found a home for yesterday as turnover reached

10 million shares. The Belzberg family continues to hold almost 5 per cent of Asda and has been trading in and out of the shares in the hope of reducing the trading loss on its original investment

Albert Fisher, the fruit and vegetable merchant, held steady at 118p, after showing

Dawson International, the knitwear group, fell 3p to 171p after a downgrading by Hoare Govett, the broker. House has cut its forecast for the year to March 31 just ended from £43.5 million to £40 million, blaming changes in accounting, exchange rate losses and various provisions.

pre-tax profits up 53 per cent to £30.5 million.

Wm Low, the supermarket chain, was also unchanged at 314p after reporting interim figures showing pre-tax profits up from £8.2 million to £10.5 million. The group says that trading remains buoyant.

Full-year figures from LEP, the transport and storage per cent stake. group, revealed an increase in

in Europe and is hoping to take advantage of recent changes in the Eastern bloc. The shares dropped 4p to

Abbey National fell 3p to 187p despite a buy recommendation from Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, which has upgraded its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £10 million to £615 million and claims Abbey is one of the more attractive investments in the banking

The "big four" continued to lose ground. Barclays Bank shed 6p to 544p, after touching 548p, while Lloyds Bank lost 2p to 258½p, Midland Bank 3p to 315p, and National Wasternate Park 7 ional Westminster Bank 7p to 327p. There were also setbacks for Bank of Scotland, 2p to 112p, and Standard Chartered, 12p to 515p.

Speyhawk, the property developer, tumbled 32p to 169p amid fears that it was planning a rights issue. The company said it knew of no reason for the fall and says it has no need to raise fresh capital.

Select Appointments, the USM-quoted employment agency, fell 3p to 47p as Ecco Travail Temporaire, France's largest employment agency, emerged with a friendly 7.46

Michael Clark

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### Bargain hunting helps Dow recover losses

BARGAIN hunting helped up 15.32 points 21 3.067.67 m shares regain part of their moderate trading early losses, caused by a Singapore - I continuing fall in US bond

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.80 points at 2.731.08 after falling to 721, but declining issues led gaining shares by a two to one

• Hong Kong - The Hang

Seng index ended the session

• Singapore - The Straits Times industrial index ended the day 5.09 points lower at

1,529.02 • Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index lost 6.1 points to 1,495.3.

• Frankfurt - The 30-share Dax index fell 10.89 points to 1.878.87.

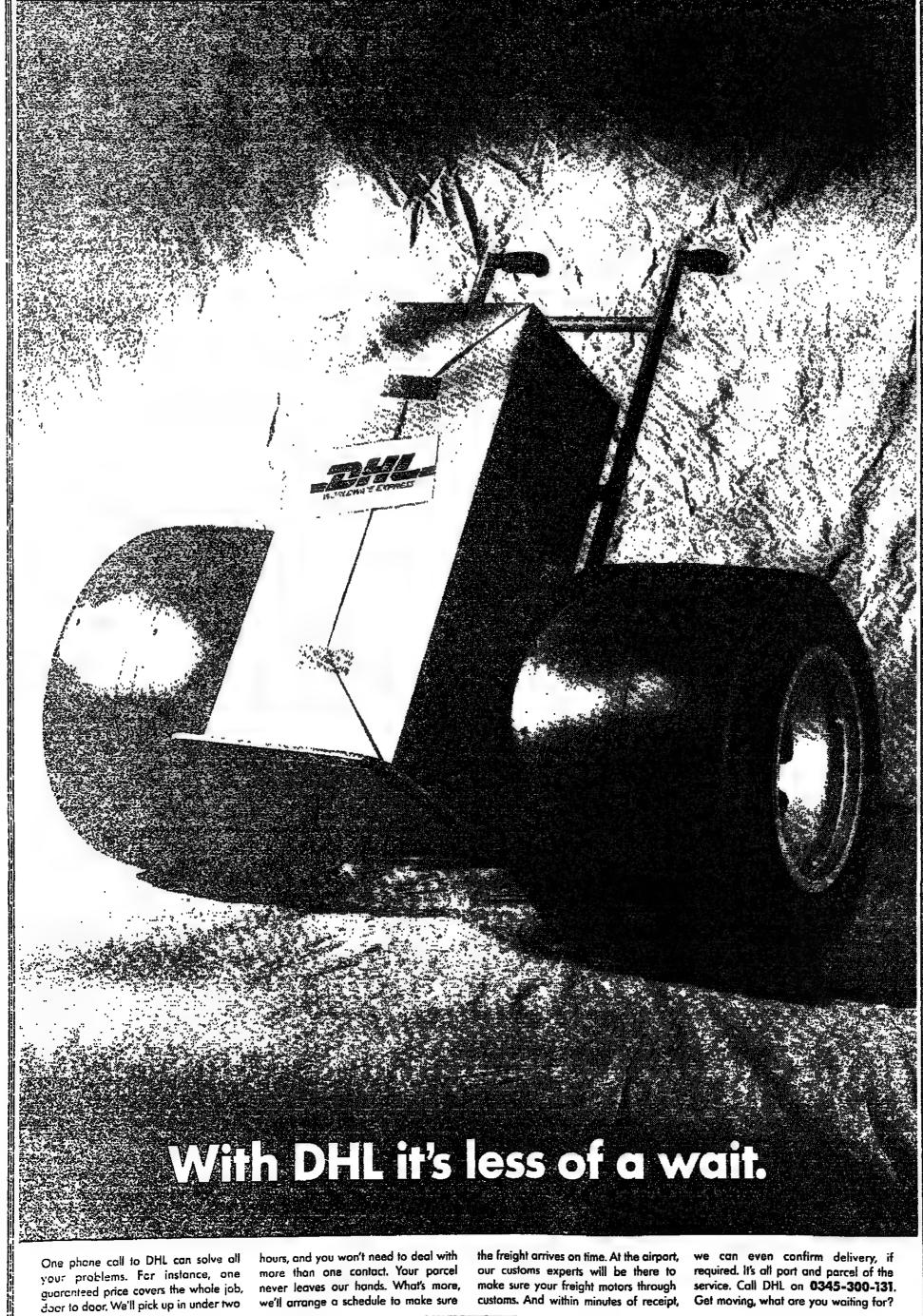
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# Hungary will rush in reforms

By Colin Narbrough Economics.Correspondent

DEMOCRATIC Forum, the centre-right party, ser to form Hungary's first freely-elected government for 45 years, faces the danning task of restoring a market economy. Mr Jozsef Antall, Forum's

leader, who is likely to become prime minister in a few weeks, is bent on moving fast towards. a capitalist system after the deadening decades of command economics. However much the European Community baulks at the idea, Mr Antall also wants full Hungar ian membership of the EC

Privatization, set in train under the old regime, is a priority. Mr. Antall has pledged to speed up the process of putting industry in private hands. After his election victory, he made clear that this process would have to be "controlled" saying Britain's experience could not be compared with what was needed in Hungary. But there will be no foot-dragging. The proportion of state ownership is to be cut from 90 per cent to 30 per cent by 1995.

Extracting the economy from the tangle of trade links with Comecon, the Soviet bloc economic alliance, presents problems, but Mr Antail wants to maintain good rela-

tions with Moscow.

Inflation, running at an led only \$6 billion.

annual rate of 25 per cent.

Mr Tamas Beck, 1 threatens to create economic uncertainty. Forum plans for strict budgetary discipline an alien concept to Com-capital, but are having to huge rouble surpluses to accu-capacity and create the conmunist economies. Without export capital." Hungary mulate which were tanta-fidence in government to establishing confidence in would have to repay debts mount to interest-free loans to boost private iniatives.



Now for the hard part: Hungary's Jozsef Antall celebrates Forum's election victory

their currency, Hungarians while rebuilding its economy the purchasing country. This fear they will be unable to from its own resources. Joint system kept Hungarian manuattract investment.

But the first task facing a new government will be proved disappointing in the determining the true state of past. More than a thousand the country's finances. Its already concluded have only the country's finances. Its hard-currency debt is esti-mated to exceed \$21 billion the highest per capita in Eastern Europe.

For all its innovations, the economy is in a sorry state and is having to find \$3 billion a year to service foreign debt; Annual exports last year total-Mr Tamas Beck, the outgo-

ing trade minister, told British journalists, recently: "Our problem is that we need

ventures with the West would be necessary, but these have brought in \$500-600 million, excluding a couple of major projects. The concern is that many foreign investors have been using the tax breaks and

But the protection against world market conditions once afforded Hungarian industry is fast disappearing. In-efficient industries now face the chill winds of competition.

legal gaps without bringing any benefit to Hungary.

Comecon trade allowed crucial to boost export earning

facturers' order books full, but left the country lending 1.5 billion roubles to its Comecon partners. To safeguard against Hung-

arian companies filling their order books with East bloc business. Budapest has restricted licences for such trade. From next year trade with the Russians will be settled in dollars.

Dr Zali Ernő, professor of economics at Budapest's Karl Marx University, is sceptical about Hungary's chances of overcoming its economic crisis quickly. He considers it Esops and the Finance Bill: James Cornford proposes changes

# Employee share owners given encouraging signs

AMONG the proposals in the of funds and the distribution pension legislation. The statutory Esop requires that the 1989, to provide the necessary norated in the Finance Bill is an important concession designed to encourage employee discretion of employers in the share ownership. Roll-over design of an Esop and to relief on capital gains tax is to be extended to owners of shares in companies who sell

them to Esons. proprietors of private companies with succession probiems to sell shares to employees and remove a strong bias in favour of selling out to a quoted company in a

share for share deal. The effect of the concession. however, will be limited because it applies only to the statutory Esop created by the Finance Act 1989 and not to employees in the distribution effective representation of the "case law" Esops created

before 1989 and since. statutory backing to the im-portant principle that voluntary contributions to an Esop are tax deductible. But the statutory Esop was so hedged with conditions and restrictions that it was greeted with disbelief by promoters of the Esop idea.

The conditions to which the consultants object include restrictions on the eligibility of statutory Esop are political or companies, requirements as to the trustees and beneficiaries type of shares involved, strict ownership as against the US

ditions is to limit severely the promptly and be distributed diminish their control of it and voting rights, rather than once established. Since most credited to accounts and held employers and their advisers see Esops as a more flexible This could encourage the and powerful extension of incentive schemes, it makes

trust's shares be acquired within seven years to individual employees, with dividend by the trust until the employee

leaves or retires. It is directed to individual

benefit. It provides no guargood sense for them to main- antee that employee sharetain control of the trust and to holding will survive the issue

• Tax reliefs to help investment in a worker's own company should be similar to those for pension funds 9

be able to discriminate among of the shares, nor for any

For those, like myself, who The Finance Act 1989 gave see Esops as a device for statutory backing to the imand control of companies in the long run, the deficiencies of the statutory Esop are different. Some, if not all, of tions. Participation through the restrictions are welcome. Particularly important is the requirement that shares should be distributed to all employees on similar terms.

The problems with the cal, and reflect its origins in of an Esop, limitations on the schemes for wider share

employees in the government of the company.

What is needed is a trust that can continue to hold a substantial block of shares on behalf of the employees and vote them on their instrucownership is a possible alternative to other forms of representation in the government of companies and ought not to be dependent on the complexities and timing of tax

It would be difficult now to recast the statutory Esop and we shall have to look to other time limits on the application original which grew out of partnership company intro-postage.

tory Esop requires that the 1989, to provide the necessary framework.

Meanwhile, however, the analogy with pensions may be worth pushing in the current Finance Bill. Tax reliefs to encourage investment in the employee's own company should be treated on a par with investment in a pension fund. At least employees should not lose significant tax benefits by choosing one form of invest-ment rather than the other.

This would have a bearing on the treatment for capital gains tax purposes of shares which may be held by an Esop for up to seven years before distribution to employees.

Similarly there seems to be no good reason why Esops should be limited to working with 1978 Act profit-sharing schemes (Employers contributions) and not approved savings-related share option schemes (additional voluntary contributions), which are also available to all employees on similar terms.

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### Law Report April 19 1990 Court of Appeal

### Diplomatic passports and exemption from immigration controls

Regina v Secretary of State for Regima v Secretary or South nor the Home Department, Exparts Baggs and Others Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Leggatt

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[Judgment April 11] In order for a person to be a member of a diplomatic mission so as to be exempt from immigration control under section 8(3) of the Immigration section 8(3) of the Immigration 1971 it was not necessary that his membership of the mission should have been notified to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

It followed that persons arriving in the United Kingdom to take up diplomatic appointments prior to notification having been given to the Foreign Office west not subject to immigration control on entry and the placing of an open date stomp by an immigration officer, or, alternatively, no notice giving or refusing leave to enter within 12 hours of the conclusion of examination by an immigration officer, did not have the effect of conferrin indefinite leave to remain in the

United Kingdom. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in appeals by the Secretary of State for the Home Department against a decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on April 25, 1988 that the four respondents, Kewal Krishr Bagga, Rakesh and Anil Bist, Chandrakalah and Vasudevan Rasiah, and Sushila Kakkar, had indefinite leave to remain in

the United Kingdom. Prior to a further amendment which was not in force at the time of these appeals section 8(3) of the Immigration Act

"The provisions of this Act relating to those who are not [British Citizens] shall not apply to any person so long as he is a member of a mission (within the meaning of the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964), a person who is a member of the family and forms part of the household of such a member, or a person

of such a member, or a person otherwise counted to the like immunity from jurisdiction as is conferred by the Act on a diplomatic agent." Article 39 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (incorporated into the law of the UK by the Dip-lomatic Privileges Act 1964) provides:

"I Every person entitled to privileges and immunities shall enjoy them from the moment he enters the territory of the receiving state on proceeding to take up his post or, if already in its territory, from the moment when his appointment is noti-fied to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or such other ministry as

person enjoying privileges and immunities have come to an end such privileges and immu-nities shall normally cease at the moment when he leaves the country, or on expiry of a reasonable period in which to do

Mr Michael Beloff, QC, Mr Paul Stinchoombe and Mr Richard Humphreys for the Home Office, Mr Nicholas Blake for Baggar Mr Owen Davies for Bist, Rasiah and Kaklear.

His appointment was notified to the Foreign Office on November 25, 1981. His employment ceased on July 8, 1985 and on September 14, 1985

he returned to India.

On April 13, 1986 he returned to the UK on an ordinary passport which was date stamped. On a subsequent visit to the UK he was refused leave to enter and it was alleged that his leave to enter in April 1986 had been obtained by deception. The respondents, Rakesh and

Anil Bist, Indian citizens, arrived in the UK on April 27, 1984, with their father who had been appointed to the Indian High Commission. Their pass-ports were date stamped. No notification of their father's appointment was ever given to the Foreign Office.

Mr and Mrs Rasiah were notification. limited leave when Mrs Rasiah took up an appointment as a clerk/typist at the Singapore High Commission and, on application, her passport, and that of her husband, was en-dorsed that while she was so employed she was not subject to any condition or limitation on

LORD JUSTICE PARKER
said that Kewal Krishnan Bagga
was an Indian citizen who first
Lanke. In May 1985, while still She was a citizen of Singapore tion as is conferred by that Act and her husband a citizen of Sri on a diplomatic sgent."

the period of permitted stay in

On November 24, 1987 her solicitors sought confirmation that when Mrs Rasiah left her employment both her passport and that of her husband would be endorsed that neither was subject to any limit on their stay. That was refused. Mrs Kakkar, an Indian citi-

zen, arrived in the UK on August 26, 1978, with her husband who had been ap-pointed to the Indian High Commission. Their passports were date stamped.

Her husband's appointment was notified to the Foreign Office on August 26, 1978 and terminated on September 14, 1982. On September 30, 1987, her solicitors sought confirma-tion that she was permitted to stay without conditions. That was refused.

It was abundantly clear from On May 11, 1987, after their article 39 of the Convention that father's appointment had terminated, they applied for on entry and that it was only "2 When the functions of a confirmation that they had increase and definite leave to remain in the mmunities have come to an UK which was refused. "When a person already in the country was appointed that immunities depended on

The concern in the present case, however, was with exemp-tion from immigration control. That was dependent and dependent only on whether the person concerned "is a member of a mission within the meaning of the [1964 Act] or is a member of the family and forms part of the household of such a member or is a person otherwise entitled to the like immunity from jurisdic-

Approaching the matter de

arrived in the United Kingdom on November 13, 1981 to take out of the UK for a short time and on return her passport was that, as a matter of construction, someone arriving to take up a logistic passport.

Someone arriving to take up a post or, if already in the country, and the country, and the country, are the country, and the country in the country, and the country is a construction. on becoming employed, was exempt from immigration conor commencement of employment whether or not there had been any notification to the

His Lordship looked at the authorities beginning with R v
Governor of Pentonville Prison,
Ex parte Teja ([1971] 2 QB 274),
a decision of the Divisional
Court, where the applicant was claiming to be the head of a diplometic mission. In that case Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice,

"As I see it, it is fundamental to the claiming of immunity by reason of being a diplomatic agent that that diplomatic agent should have been in some form accepted or received by this

country." It was to be noted that Lord Parker was considering the posclaiming to be the head of a special mission. That claim had failed on its facts.

It was true that Lord Parker's conclusion that notification and acceptance was required before such a person could be entitled to diplomatic immunity under the 1964 Act but his Lordship could not regard it as going

In the face of articles 1 and 39 of the Convention it could not be contended that if an embassy chose to employ a secretary already in this country anything more was required than noti-fication before that person was

In R v Lambeth Justices, Expane Yusuju ([1985] Crim L R 510), the Divisional Court dealt with an applicant who, like Teja, also sought to set up diplomatic immunity in habeas

corpus proceedings. In that case Lord Justice Watkins had said: "I would add on this point, with regard to article 39, that in agreement with what was argued in Teja's case, article 39 is procedural in me, at most, some temporary immunity between entry and notification to a person who is

without doubt a diplomat." His Lordship respectfully disagreed. On the wording of the article he was unable to see how it could be regarded as pro-cedural or as affording merely temporary immunity between entry and notification to someone who was without doubt a diplomat.

His Lordship reviewed subsequent authorities which had followed Teja and Yusufu and those two cases, although plainly right on the facts, were wrong on the point that immunity under the 1964 Act depended on potification and

acceptence. His Lordship considered the effect of his conclusion on the various respondents and held that the appeals of the secretary of state in respect of Bist, Rasiah and Kakkar should be allowed. His Londship next considered the effect of a date stamp placed on a passport in the mistaken belief that the other respondent, Mr Bagga, was exempt from

control. Section 4(1) of the Immigra-

ever, on October 9, 1987

after a hearing on the merits, Mr

Justice Egan dismissed the ac-tion. On June 10, 1988 the Supreme Court of Ireland dis-missed an appeal by the Waites

it was the plaintiffs' case that having regard to the result of the action before Mr Justice Egan the defence of fraud was no

longer available to the

The first issue that arose on the appeal was whether the Waites were estopped by that

judgment from contending that the judgment of Mr Justice Costello was obtained by fraud. It was common ground that in

proceedings in England to en-

at common law, the defendant could set up a defence that the

judgment was obtained by

fraud. If on a summons under

Order 14 of the Rules of the

Supreme Court the evidence of

issue that if the foreign judg-ment had been so obtained then leave to defend should be given.

was final and conclusive on its

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on the ground of fraud (or other

grounds) was conclusive as to any matter thereby adjudicated

upon and could not be im-peached for any error of fact or

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Costello's judgment could have been impeached here on the

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tion Act 1971 provided that the power to give leave to enter had to be exercised by a notice in writing. On the face of it a mere date stamp did nothing more than record date of entry.

It was difficult to understand how it could possibly amount to a written grant of indefinite leave when it was placed on a pessport in the belief, albeit mistaken, that the holder was exempt from control.

It was, however, possible that the factual matrix might be such that the date stamp would amount to a written grant of indefinite leave; if, for example, the date stamp was, as a matter of practice always used to indicate the grant of indefinite leave. But that was not the case. His Lordship referred to R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Badaike (The Times May 3, 1987) where the Divisional Court had clearly treated the date stamp as a notice in writing giving indefi-nite leave to enter but appeared

also to have been of the view that if the stamp had been impressed by mistake or if the immigration officer asserted that he had been misled the position would have been different. The court had recognized that mistake would have been suf-

ficient to prevent the date stamp operating as a grant of indefinite leave. In so far as it did his Lordship agreed with it. Even, therefore, if a date stamp could be reserted as a

notice in writing that the holder had been granted indefinite leave in some circumstances it could not, in his view, be so regarded in the present case. Paragraph 6(1) of the Second

Schedule to the Immigration Act 1971 provided that: "... where a person examined by an immigration officer... is to be given a limited leave to enter the United Kingdom or is to be refused leave, the notice giving or refusing leave shall be given not later than twelve hours after the conclusion of the examination . . . and if notice giving or refusing leave is not given before the end of those twelve 

The paragraph had since been amended but that was not material to the present case. Paragraph 6(1) could only apply when the immigration officer person should be refused leave to enter or that he should be granted limited leave to enter.

it clearly could not apply when the conclusion of the immigration officer was that the immigrant did not need leave. Whether the officer's conclusion whether, if mistaken, the mistake resulted from deception or ligence it was impossible for paragraph 6(1) to apply.

His Lordship further considered whether if Mr Bagga was given leave to enter on April 13, 1986 the decision that such leave was obtained by deception could stand and, after considering the evidence, held that he would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Leggart delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor, Siddiqui & Co. Harrow; Seifert

ment had succeeded that judg-ment would have been set aside

on Mr Justice Costello's judg-

ment against Mr Macleod.
Mr Macleod was well aware of

those proceedings. He could

have applied to be joined in

opposed his application. He chose not to do so and he had vouchsafed no explanation as to

why he did not. That was sufficient to make him privy to

the estoppel. It was just to hold that he was bound by the decision of Mr Justice Egan.

reached by the route of abuse of

process. The question was whether it would be in the

interests of justice and public

policy to allow the issue of fraud

to be litigated again in England.

It would not and it would be a

Not only would the plaintiffs

be required to relitigate matters which had twice been exten-

sively investigated and decided

in their favour in the natural

forum, but they would run the

risk of inconsistent verdicts

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The same result could be

## Council's duty to rehouse applicant

Regins v East Hertfordshire District Council, Ex parts

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Stocker and Sar [Judgment April 3] An offer of temporary accom-

modation, without a promise of permanent accommodation to follow, could satisfy the duty of a council under section 39 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 to renouse people displaced from residential accommodation by a compulsory purchase

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Josephine Smith against a refusal by Mr Justice Macpherson (The Times January 25) to grant judicial review of a decision, under section 11 of the Committee pulsory Purchase Act 1965, by East Hertfordshire District Council to enter and take possession of the land on which she and her family lived.

Mr Patrick Ground, QC and Mrs Mora Pooley for Mrs Smith; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Richard Humphreys for

LORD JUSTICE tion for Mrs Smith.

GLIDEWELL East that following service by the council of an whether the council's enforcement notice and a dis-continuance notice against Mrs Smith's use of her land for the siting of her permanent home, she served a purchase notice on the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 by which the council was authorized to purchase the

land compulsorily. The council made two offers to rehouse Mrs Smith and her family but they were both rejected because the family rejected because the family wished to stay together and the offers emailed one of the daughters, who was married, living separately.

The compulsory purchase order came into force and the council served a notice of intent to enter and take possession of the land. Mrs Smith was in-formed that the family would be rehoused in temporary bed and breakfast accommodation.

The decision was challenged on the ground that the council had failed in its duty under section 39(1) of the Land Compensation Act 1973 to sepensation Act 1973 to se-alternative accommoda-stances included the amount

His Lordship was uncertain whether the council's duty arose under that section or under section 51(8) of the 1971 Act but as there was no practical dif-ference between the two he was prepared to regard section 39(1)

The council had to emsider whether there was alternative accommodation available without it having to take any a If not, it was then under a duty to secure suitable alternative accommodation for each member of the family. There was nothing in the ection to indicate that all

members of the family should be accommodated together. No doubt it would be unreasonable to separate husband and wife or small children. But as a general proposition that was not the case with adult children. His Lordship did not agree with the argument that the provision of temporary bed and breakfast accommodation was

of itself a failure to comply with the duty under section 39(1). It

was for the council to decide what was reasonable in all the

and type of accommodation available at any one time. His Lordship accepted that R \*\* Bristol Corporation, Ex parte Hendy ([1974] 1 WLR 498) was authority for the proposition that in appropriate circumstances an offer of temporary accommodation with a promise

But he did not accept that it was authority for the proposition that the offer of temporary accommodation had to be accompanied by the promise of permanent accommodation.

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to follow could meet the duty

However, in the instant case it was clear that on the facts there had been the offer of permanent accommodation to follow. In the circumstances, it could not be said that the council had acted unreasonably, particularly when the family had rejected two earlier offers of accommodation. Lord Justice Stocker deliv-

ered a concurring judgment and Sir Rousleyn Cumming Bruce

Solicitors: Pellys, Bishop's Stortford; Lovell White

plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the plaintiffs obtained a judgment against all three defendants in the Republic

dants to the Supreme Court of Ireland was dismissed on January 11, 1983, save that the amount of interest was reduced. The purpose of the present proceedings in England was to enforce the judgment of Mr Justice Costello. The Civil Juris-

confidential information and copyright in issue in the action. Each of the defendants in the

issue whether or not the prior judgment was obtained by fraud and could not itself be imcause of action estoppel and issue estoppel.

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Mr Justice Egan's judgment was impeachable for fraud. That was not supported by any evidence save a bare assertion in an affidavit which did not warrant

was obtained by fraud.

The judge did not find it necessary to consider the question of abuse of process. There was no doubt that, even if the judgment of Mr Justice Egan did not create an estoppel, it would be an abuse of process for the Waites to relitigate the same issue in the English courts upon

challenge the judgment of Mr Justice Costello.

They could, if they had wished, merely waited for

Was Mr Macleod then bound by Mr Justice Egan's judgment? He was not a party to the action. But an estoppel would bind those who were privy to the parties bound: see Carl Zess Stiftung v Rayner & Keeler (No 2) ([1967] 1 AC 853).

them was joint and several. If the Waites' action to set aside Mr Justice Costello's judg-

being reached not only as be-tween the English and Irish courts but as between the defendants and themselves. The Waites had not appealed Sir Peter Pain's judgment and they were right not to do so. The plaintiffs would no doubt proceed to execute their judgment

against them. What could be a greater source of mustice, if in years to come when the issue was finally decided, a different decision was reached in Mr Macleod's case? Public policy required that there should be an end of littgation and that a litigant should not be vexed more than once in the

Lord Justice McCowan delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Fox agreed. Solicitors: T. Cryan & Co. Wealdstone: Philip Conn & Co.

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# Jury's freedom to find on lesser verdict

Regina v Carson Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Nolan and Mr Justice McKitmon [Judgment April 10]

On a true construction of scotion 7(3) of the Public Order Act 1986 a verdict of a jury was not only a verdict reached as a result of the jury's deliberations in its retiring room but included a offence under section 4. He was verdict that had been achieved conditionally discharged for 12 by positive direction of the

Accordingly, where a jury was directed by the judge to find an appellant not guilty of the only offence charged against him in the indicament, namely an offence of violent disorder contrary to section 2 of the 1986 under section 4.7

under section 7(3), in his discretion, to leave for the jury's Appeals, for the appellant, Mr consideration the alternative lesser offence under section 4 of

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of Nicholas Craig Carson against his conviction on January 31, 1989, at Teesside Crown Court (Judge Hewitt and a jury) of an offence under section 4. He was months

Section 7 of the 1986 Act provides: "(3) If on the trial on indicament of a person charged with violent disorder or affray the jury find him not guilty of the offence charged, they may

Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Adrian Dent, who did not

appear below, for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that it had been submitted. inter alia, that the offence under section 4 was a summary of-fence, triable only summarily, and that only a verdict of a jury of its own volition could invoke the power under section 7(3) to permit that jury to consider whether the offence under section 4 had been committed.

The plain fact was that the verdict of a jury was no less a irue verdict because it had been returned by virtue of a direction of the judge than if it had been trary to section 2 of the 1986 under section 4." returned as a consequence of the Act, the judge was entitled ... Mr Aidan Marron, assigned jury's own deliberations.

Once put in the charge of a jury upon an indictment at a trial, a defendant remained in its charge until the jury had wholly discharged its function. While so remaining, the defendant was liable to be tried not only upon any count or counts on the indictment but also upon any alternative offences there might

him to do in any particular case he was entitled to leave that charge for the jury's consideration. That was what hap-

If the judge, in his discretion, decided that it was right for the jury to consider an alternative, if relevant law so permitted

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### House of Spring Gardens Ltd defendants, commenced an action in Ireland to set aside the judgment of Mr Justice Costello on the ground of fraud.

and Others v Waite and Others Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Smart-Smith and Lord Justice McCowan

[Judgment April 11] Where proceedings were brought in an English court to enforce a foreign judgment as a debt at common law, the defendants were estopped from plead-ing that the judgment was obtained by fraud because in a separate, second action in the foreign jurisdiction that ques-tion had been decided against

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, so held in dismissing an appeal by the third defendant, Mr Gordon Stewart Macleod, from a judga deputy High Court judge, in the sum of #3,179,673, in favour of the plaintiffs, House of Spring Gardens Ltd, Armourshield Ltd and Mr

Mr Lionel Swift, QC and Mr Michael Harington for Mr Mac-leod; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC Mr Alan Boyle for the

of Ireland for £3,474,570 and interest of £78,337, given by Mr Justice Contello. An appeal by the three defen-

the judgment of Mr Justice Egan was final and conclusive on the diction and Judgments Act 1982 did not apply to that judgment The answer put forward by the defendants in the present proceedings was that the judg-ment of Mr Justice Costello was obtained by fraud, namely misobtained by fraud, namely misrepresentation as to the plaintiffs' entitlement to the peculiar to foreign judgments:

see Abouloff v Oppenheumer ((1882) 10 QBD 295) and Vadala v Lawes ((1890) 25 QBD race or the detendants in the present action pleaded that on 1310).

January 28, 1985, Mr William Edward Waite and Mr Seamus Waite, the first and second Lordship said, and they were

Foreign judgment determines issue distinguishable. In neither was the question whether the judg-ment sucd upon was obtained by fraud litigated in a separate in toto, not just against the Waites.
Even if the judgment against Mr Macleod did not automatically fall in the event of the Waites succeeding, it was plain that in the English proceedings the plea of estoppel or abuse of process would have prevented the plaintiffs pursuing the claim on Mr Justice Costello's inde-

jurisdiction. Unless Mr Justice Egan's decision was itself impeached the matters thereby adjudicated upon, namely whether Mr Justice Costello's judgment was

Some attempt was made be-fore Sir Peter Pain to argue that

consideration. There was no doubt that the judge was correct to hold, on the material and argument before him, that the Waites were estopped from alleging that the judgment of Mr Justice Costello

not least because they had chosen that forum, which was the natural forum, in which to

enforcement proceedings to be taken in England, and then attempted to set up fraud. They did not do so. They could not try again to obtain a different

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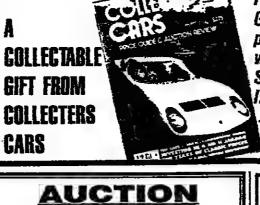
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# Fiat's beautiful bal

ars get bigger never smaller. Marketing ex-perts argue that should you decide to buy the same model again, you can unfail. ingly expect more car for your money. Inevitably, car manufac-turers, with few exceptions, take this as an opportunity to charge more for the new model. Why? "Well, it is bigger, so it costs more to make," is the usual answer.

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Aside from the added cost, the other niggle is that an owner who is happy with the size of his or her VW Golf Mk I may find the Golf Mk II less nippy in traffic and not as easy to park.

The inexorable growth of car sizes means there are few genuinely small cars available - and the number is likely to decrease. It all comes back to size. Car manufacturers have found that making a profit on a small car is not easy. Models such as the Renault 5 and Ford Fiesta get bigger with every generation, but no small cars are being developed for the bottom of the range.

Small cars are a bit like the silent majority — no one makes a fuss about them. The Fiat 126 BIS is an example. It is never ad-

Bigger cars do not always mean happier drivers. The latest mini Fiat offers style, handling and comfort which belie its size

and today the latest 126 is still

was imroduced with a hatchback style and an opening rear tailgate. For shoppers, it is a big improve-ment — the rear seats fold forward

Beneath the boot, the aged and noisy air-cooled twin-cylinder en-

gine has made way for a quieter,

more modern water-cooled unit.

Gone also is the siren-like drone of

to increase the boot space.

vertised and should a motoring journalist ask to test one, the answei from the manufacturer will be a firm "no". Getting to drive a Ferrari is easier. 🕟

However, the Polish built baby Fiat consistently finds 2,500 customers each year in Britain, and if 10ft 2in long is not easy, yet the more could be imported sales Fiat 126 looked modern and ould almost certainly rise.

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cheap. A glance down the list of .. the hundreds of models on sale reveals that nothing comes close to the diminutive Fiat's price of

At only 10st long, the Mini is 2in shorter than the Fiat 126 and is faster and more roomy inside, although the £4,799 price tag for the basic City model is hardly modest. The stalwart Citroen 2CV cannot match the compactness of its two-door rivals, and costs £3,963.

The likeable Skoda 120L (£3,693), which is nearing the end

still a tiny 704cc compared with the previous 652cc, producing just It takes half a minute to reach

60mph, but this is hardly relevant. What is more important is that of a long life; and the unioveable Yugo 45A (£3,794) come closest to the Flat on price. stirring the four-speed gearbox will allow the Fiat 126 to keep pace with town traffic without the All small cars have long lives and the Fiat 126 is no different. It driver feeling threatened. Longer gearing is designed to quieten the engine and the BIS does not feel as was launched in 1972 to replace the tiny Fiat 500. Styling a car just eager as its less-couth predecessor.

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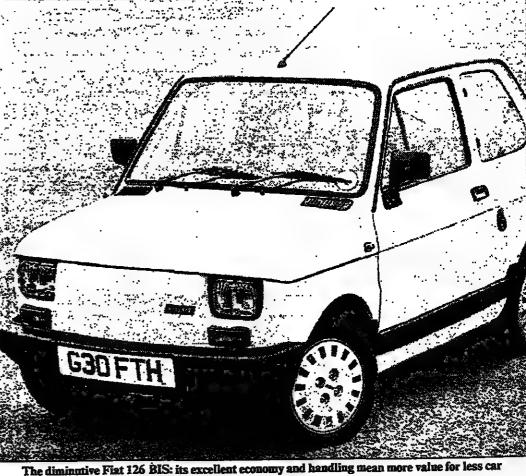
The Fiat's strong point is economy. On the official urban-cycle figures, it returns 48.7mpg. Cars harm the environment, but the Fiat 126 does less damage than pleasing to the eye.

For much of its life, the car
offered little boot space — just
enough for a soft holdall under the
bonnet. In 1987, the BIS model most. It runs on unleaded petrol.

Brakes and comfort have improved in recent years, yet it is the vehicle's size and agility which set it apart. Steering is so sharp and responsive it could have come from a go-kart.

As Britain's city streets become more congested, environmentalists may eventually convince us that small is beautiful. The Fiat 126 BIS already makes the point.

Daniel Ward





Brian Verrall and his 1937 Brough Saperior SS100, one of less than 300 built

# Two wheels against inflation

the spectre of rising inflation, more and more investors are

inflation at a time when of private sales reaching area heavy in nostalgia. It is not private sales reaching five and six figure prices. Brian Verrall, an expert machines."

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"The top price paid at a sume when of private sales reaching area heavy in nostalgia. It is not like collecting stamps," he says. "Both paid well over the outs and in the population of the says. "Working machines have to be kept clean and oiled, and most of my custifulation of the cocasional sumny afternoon ride as for their monetangular collectors should aim for machines that are as near blking, but who want the occasional sumny afternoon ride as for their monetangular collectors should aim for machines that are as near blking, but who want the opportunities. He paid about a £2,000 in acquire a good for a 1930 Brough running classic machine that the will hold its value in the years original as possible," he says. "Good restoration jobs are fine, but to be a sound investment the bike must approval. Five replicas of the ends and vintage (pre-1930) motor-war machines that the years and, advises Christie's sale 1950s has more than doubled built for the track as a way of some recoile.

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Welocette Mark VIII and the BSA Goldstar DBD34.

Another advantage of investing in motorcycles is easy storage.

Mr Verrall hopes the classic bike scene will remain populated by enthusiasts. "It is not like collecting stamps," he

hiding large sums of money from the Inland Revenue. Top of the racer enthusiast's shopping list are the Manx and International Nortons, the "boy racer" AJS 7R, the Velocette Mark VIII and the

ROADWISE When Formula One champion McLaren launches a 200mph road-going supercar in three years, it will cost more than £500,000. Production may be only 50 cars a year. At least 300 customers have put their names down in the unofficial order book. Many of them are car collectors who have been asked by McLaren for their views on what type of machine the firm should design.

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Year for the fourth time by the Association of Car Fleet Operators, which represents 500 major fleets. The winning car has to "give the best allround value over a period of 12

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The only British designs to challenge the famous Italian styling houses at the Turin show this week will come from the Worthing firm IAD. It will display a stunning sportscar, Venus, which has the exposed suspension and wheels of a racing car, and a five-seater, multi-purpose vehicle based on a Ford Escort, dubbed the Mini MPV. Sales of MPVs are increasing quickly in the United States and demand in Europe Renault Espace is expected to rise strongly in the 1990s.

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The second London Language show will take place at the Barbican on June 19 to 21. Organized by Profac, of Vernon Place, London, it will cover training, translation and interpreting services, computers, books, tapes and videos.

The Government's excise policies for the single European market

The Government's excise policies for the single European market could bankrupt many wine and spirit firms in southern England, according to Mr Richard Insoli, director of the Wine and Spirit Association. He said the Government had refused to join EC moves towards harmonization of excise duties. He said: "Serious fears are growing that new styles of operation, bringing low-taxed goods from Caleis or Boulogne ... could drive smaller wine merchants out of business. To take advantage of huge differentials in excise duties, major traders will begin operating massive low-duty warehouses just across the Chairmet."

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# In the Miles-Moore mould

By Peta Levi

IT TAKES most potters many years to become established, but a new Lancastine ceramics business called Menria - the name given by the ancient Etruscans to their goddess of the crafts - has become highly successful within just six months

This success is one partly to talent, but, much more rare among craftspeople, commercial experience and a determination to use all available business expertise

have played an important role.

Menufa is a partnership between
Mr Martin Miles-Moore, aged 30,
and Miss Carol Newmarch, a Middlesex Polytechnic graduate and teacher. They met when Mr Miles-Moore, joined Miss Newmarch's ceramic evening class in Lancaster. The enthusias tic response to his work persuaded Mr Miles-Moore to give up a secure, well-paid job with the electricity board to study ceramics at Lancashire Polytechnic.

On graduating last summer, he exhibited at the New Designers exhibition in London. The show invites manufacturers, retailers and galleries to buy and commission designs or employ de-

As a result of the show, he received many commissions from private clients and interior designers and now has work in Liberty's, several London galleries and the Bluecost Gallery, Liver-pool, among other notable places. Menris has been selected by the Crafts Council to participate in an exhibition of British crafts in California this autumn. Sponsored by the Department of Trade

Shaping his own destiny: Martin Miles-Maure, who set up Menria with Carol Newsparch

and Industry, the exhibition is the first step towards Menrfa's planned expansion into export

Mr Miles-Moore's commercial experience includes working as a sales representative for four years. After interest was shown in his work, he applied for an enterprise allowance and sought a £5,000 business development loan from National Westminster Brak to finance equipment and a vehicle. Although he knew how to draw up a business plan, before approaching the bank, he went to the local business development agency, which put him in touch with the DTI's Small Firm's Service. An

SPS adviser suggested changing the presentation format, which helped secure the loan.

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The incomes of Mr Miles-Moore and Miss Newmarch are boosted by teaching - they organize peripatetic ceramic workshops at schools and art centres.

However, they are already planning to move to a larger workshop and to employ a student on Their next exhibition is at The

New Designers Gallery, Business Design Centre, Islington, London, from July 11 to 14.

### Leasehold moves ahead in property popularity stakes

dent retail business premises is growing again after a period of stagnation, but prices for leasehold shops are rising faster than those for freehold.

A quarterly review of average prices published by Everett Masson and Furby, an agency based in Hitchen, Hertfordshire, shows leasehold prices rising by 6.45 per cent a year, against only 2.9 per cent in freehold values.

New entrants into small retail sinesses, who would normally sell their home to buy a freehold business property with residential accommodation, are being forced by high interest rates to take alternative steps.

The agency's figures are based on a sample of 1,096 independent retail businesses nationwide. They show that the average price of a leasehold business has risen 1.75 per cent to £55,427 since January 1. This compares with a growth of less than 0.75 per cent in freehold values, taking the average price in the same period to £181,438. In both cases, they are the first rises in national average values for

more than a year. Mr Anthony Madden, the chair-man, said: "The virtual standsrill on residential sales throughout the whole of last year had a dramatic knock-on effect on business sales. However, there are real signs of movement now, characterized by

THE value of Britain's indepen- new entrants raising finance on the family home, instead of selling it, in order to buy a business.

"As a result, the demand for leasehold businesses, notably lock-up premises, is growing steadily and beginning to force up prices. The situation has led to a lower-than-usual demand for freeholds, and so growth in values, although detectable for the first time in over a year, is at a much

slower rate." EM&F's figures show that the recovery has not yet fed through to all regions. East Anglia, for example is lagging. Leasehold values are rising at the rate of only I per cent per annum on first-quarter results, and freehold values are still 15 per cent lower than in December,

The Midlands and the North, however, advanced in the first quarter of 1990. Freehold prices rose more than I per cent and leaseholds are up by 3 per cent between January 1 and March 31.

The South West and West of England, Wales and the Welsh borders have seen a 1.5 per cent growth in freehold values during the first quarter, with leaseholds

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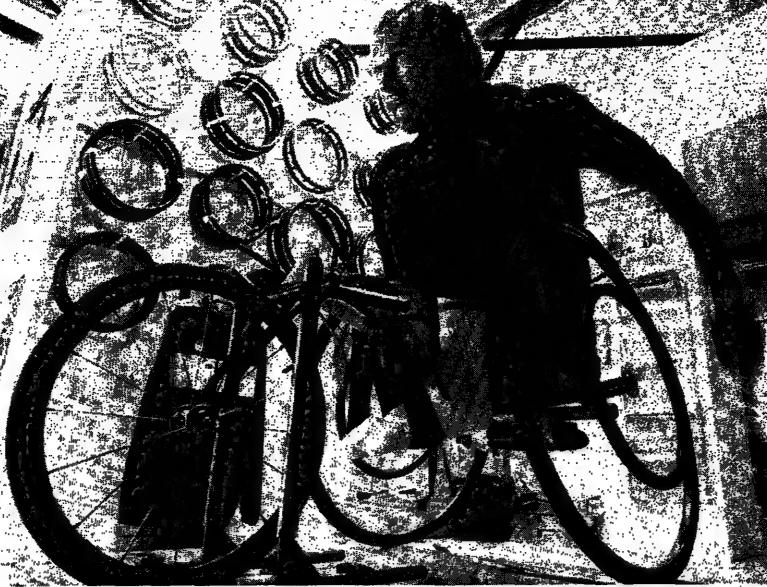
"We are there for anyone who has disability thrown upon them," John Fieldus, appeals director of the SIA, said. "It takes an awfully long time to rehabilitate. Spinal cord injury is the ultimate critical injury. The first thing people want after an accident is information and the SIA provides that to help them

manned by SIA members at all the spinal injuries units, such as Stoke Mandeville. Run by an executive committee and management team of 124 wheelchair users, the SIA provides positive proof that life does not stop just because you have broken your

oness Masham of Ilton, She broke her neck while riding in a point-to-point in 1959 and soon realized that people paralysed in this way need help and support to pick up the pieces after an accident. So in 1974 she founded the SIA with the Princess Royal as Patron.

With many members coming from riding accidents, the association has raised money and promoted itself through the racing fraternity. In the ported by Coral Racing raising £280,000 through sponsorship and spreading the word about the association at every race track. The year before it was Everest Double Glazing which lent its support through show jumping and next year the SIA plans a big drive with three-day eventing, with Lucinda Green as president of the

It can take two or three years to come through rehabilitation and to readjust



London-bound: Carruthers training for the marathon on the modified racing cyclists' rollers which he set up in his Loughborough workshop

A trip to the International

Games at Stoke Mandeville in

1982 provided the spark. Watching Beau Lindkvist, of

Sweden, win a batch of med-

als, Carruthers set out to make

himself a chair that would

enable him to try racing. With a little help from a bicycle maker he came up with a

frame. He then bolted a fibre

glass seat to it and Carruthers

"I first raced in 1983 and

the longest race I could enter

was the 100 metres. It was

do the longer distances." But a

meeting shortly afterwards with Jan-Ove Mattson,

was off and wheeling.

racing would provide it."

SIA tries to smooth the way with everything from answering one off enquiries to providing holidays, care atten-dants and welfare.

Peter Carruthers found he had to readjust to life in a wheelchair 13 years ago when he broke his neck in a road accident. It left him a tetraplegic - unable to welk and with only limited use of his hands and arms. He was given help and advice by the SIA when flat on his back recovering from the accident and now, thanks to a seemingly indomitable spirit and a passion for wheelchair racing, he and his wife, Sheila, run Bromakin Wheelchairs, in Loughborough, the only com-

specialist, with a 100 metre the real thrill of sport. I gold medal from the thought maybe wheelchair gold medal from the Paralympics in Seoul to his name, he is going for his sixth London marathon this year, aiming to better his best time

"After the accident you always think you're the only one it has ever happened to." Carruthers said. "At that point, your life and your family's life is shattered and an organization like the SIA provides support and lets you know that other people have managed to put their lives back together again."

For Carruthers, a former rugby player, it was his wish to get back into sport that got him on his way. "At first I found the sporting opportu-nities available to me were very limited," he said. "I

Plate, a race for amateur riders over four miles, on Summons. She recalled: "My grandmother was the first lady to win the race, and then my mother won it. So I was almost destined to win it. It was my first winner on my first.

Now she continues her riding

career while attending West-minster College, putting the finishing touches to a three-year course in hotel and catering management. So far, in four years, she has ridden 15 winners in point to points and five in

in point-to-points and five in hunter chases.

daunting obstacles in the Foxhunter's chase over one

circuit of the Grand National course, often decribed as the

"amateur's Grand National". Her hopes lie with another horse

owned by her father, Royal Gambit. This is our first season

together and we've just been getting to know each other. But hopefully next year we'll be going for the Foxhunter's at Cheltenham and then Aintree."

Donations to the trust should be sent to the Bob Champion

Rotterdam

to take advantage of the absence

ROTTERDAM (Reuter)

She is keen to tackle Aintree's

another Swedish athlete, also a tetraplegic, convinced him wanted to do something with one's expectations of what they can achieve, including people like me. When I started I didn't have the slightest i

I could do a marathon."

It is easy to think of people in wheelchairs as all having the same level of disability, but that is far from the case. Every injury brings its own set of problems unique to that individual. "That is the great thing about wheelchair rac-ing." Carruthers said. "The differences don't really matter. It is no great advantage to have more mobility once you are in the chair. Everyone is

racing against himself."
But it is not all cheerful good spirits and a stiff upper ip. People in wheelchairs cope because they have to. "When you're in hospital everyone thinks if it is the last thing I ever do I will walk again," Carruthers said. "But you can't make the spinal cord regenerate and you don't walk again. Anyway, walking isn't so terribly important.

"For me, the greatest resentment is my high level of disability. I wish I had a better level of disability for racing. Tetraplegics always say: 'Leaving aside being able to walk again, I wish I was a

### European flyers await Holding

LAST year's winner of the ADT/BSAD London Marathon. David Holding, aged 21 from Kettering, faces a tough fight if he is to retain his title on Sunday. Holding has missed three weeks of training following a minor operation and although a minor operation and althous been impressed by his recovery and recent form, it is not an

ideal position to be in considering the quality of the field. Late entries have pushed the number of racers up to 63, more than three times the field of the first London wheelchair marathon, held in 1983. Wheelchair athletes from France, Sweden and West Germany will be providing some of Holding's strongest opposition. The fastest man in the race. Jean-Francois

Swede, Lars Loistrom, only two seconds behind. Farid Amarouche, of France. is hot on their tracks with a personal best of 1hr 40min 44sec, and two other Swedes, Bosse Lindkvist and Hakam Ericsson, both come in at under 1hr 42min. The West Germans. Wolfgang Petersen and Robert Eigl, also have faster personal bests than Holding's 1hr 58min

But Holding does not have to look overseas for one of his most dangerous adversaries. Chris Hallam, MBE, winner in 1985 and 1987, will be

determined to achieve his third title, and he has shown himself to be faster than Holding over to be faster than Holding over the marathon distance with a personal best, achieved at the 1988 Seoul Paralympics, of Ihr 51min 23sec.

As a veteran of the course, Haliam is undaunted by the influx of top European racers. Personal bests recorded on the influx of top European racers. straight roads are one thing, but the large number of bends and different surfaces in the London omerent surraces in the Lundon route ite describes as "a great leveller". On present form, and with the prospect of further major surgery awaiting Holding. Haliam seems to have a better chance against the contin

hour barrier in a UK integrated marathon. It will be hard, though, to recreate the excitoment of 1989, when the four leading competitors fought it out in the final run-in from Westminister Bridge and Holding snatched victory from the 1988 winner, the Canadian, Ted Vince, in the last 50-yard sprint. Vince, in the last 50-yard sprint.

The thrill of that finish was final confirmation, if any were necessary, that whoelchair racing can be an exhibitating spectator sport. Such considerations are important because they encourage other race of

Only seven years ago the winning time was 3hr 3min and the wheelchair racers had to start behind the running competitors. Now they start 15 minutes before them. The dra matic improvement in time is a reflection of the growth of road racing on the international scene. Grueiling training schedules see competitors covering more than 100 miles a week, in addition to interval training which prepares them for the "break and chase" nature of a elchair marathon.

Unfortunately, road racing has not yet resched the level of popularity with British women that it has with our men, as demonstrated by the fact that of the five women entrants only two are British. Last year's winner, Jose Cichockyl, has pulled out, as has our other top woman racer, Karen Davidson, winner in 1987 and 1988 and the British record holder. However Davidson's record time of 2h 41min 45sec pales into insignifi-cance against the performance of one of the late entries, Denmark's Connie Hansen.

Hansen, a 25-year-old oc-cupational therapist, has been voted her country's athlete of the year following her time of thr 50min in the 1989 Boston marathon, which puts her al-most an hour ahead of her nearest rival. a fellow Dame, Ingrid Lauridsen. It means that for the first time in the London race a woman is expected to come home shortly after the leading man, smashing the course-record in the process.

Britain needs a fresh talent is

it is to show any sign of prospering in Split. The team will be picked after Sunday's race, and the performances in the Boston Marathon on Mon-

day by Steve Jones, who dropped out, and Dave Long, who finished 35th in 2hr 21min 36sec, have ruled them out of

Davies-Hale, the only Briton

to win a significant marathon last year, does not wish selec-tion, preferring to concentrate on the track. Thackery, who ran

an outstanding haif marathon in

sensible consideration.

Hedley Verity's grandson
James, who has joined the
school in the sixth form.
Trent have the unusual privi-

date of the annual derby with Nottingham High School, their new pavilion will be opened. Against Trent last year, J. N. Snape, of Denstone, made his highest score of 151 and went on a yearsee 93 overall; he astures

RUGBY LEAGUE

### **Answers sought** for recurring plague of injuries

to go much deeper than mere bad luck. ing place at Rugby Football League headquarters in Leeds "We need to look much further into this and analyse following the announcement of various probable causes." Oxley the injuries which will keep Ellery Hanley and other out-standing players out of the Great Britain touring team to Papus New Guinea and New Zeuland. said. "It could be that the number of matches played each season in a variety of com-petitions is taking its toll. The loss of up to half a dozen seasoned internationals has creparticularly in success like Wigan who are involved in everything. In addition, the game nowadays is much faster ated havor in the plans of Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach David Oxley, the over 80 minutes under the sixchief executive, has had several talks with tour officials and medical personnel in an attempt tackles rule. Players cannot take breathers or hide in what has now become a 13-man game with forwards having to run and backs having to do their share of to find the underlying reasons for a plague which has hit every verseas tour in recent memory. The loss of star players is not The loss of star players is not peculiar to the present tour. In the 1979 tour of Australasia the captain, Doug Laughton, and key performers like Steve Nash, Roger Millward and Jim Mills all played little part in the tour after suffering early injuries.

Oxley and the league's dedicated medical team are considering another possibility, that some injuries may be hastily, and wrongly, diagnosed and do not receive proper early treatment. The pelvic problem of hastent took wrongly, of patient. Hanley took months of patient and strenuous research to diagnose properly, and it may well be that much more research will

be that much more research was have to be done
David Howes, the public affairs executive, said: "Much emphasis has been placed on the development of the upper and lower regions of the body in fitness training. Perhaps greater excepting needs to be placed on emphasis needs to be placed on the middle regions." This point is underlined by Hanley's injury and by the groin trouble which will cause Andy Gregory, the Wigan scrum half, to have an

Wigan scrum half, to have an operation this summer instead of going on tour.

Graham Clay, a 21-year-old works study officer from Brighouse, became Top Fan of 1990 yesterday for his services to Bradford Northern as secretary of the supporters club, historian, organizer of cheer Hazel, on a £4,000 trip to watch Great Britain's international matches in New Zealand.

CRICKET

### Shrewsbury keen to extend season

THE delay to the start of term, caused by a late Easter, and earlier and earlier exams will result in the truncation of an already short cricker season. Although the change does not come until 1991, Shrewsbury

pine to continue the term into-nid-July starting their new aca-demic year after A-levels. Great new opportunities for cricket would be opened up if other schools were to follow. In 1990, Shrewsbury welcome Paul Pridgeon, the Worcester-shire opening howler, as their

all played little part in the tour after suffering early injuries.

In 1984 and 1988 there were further disasters. Indeed, the 1988 trip to Australasia saw players going down like ninepins and being flown home at regular intervals. These included Garry Schoffeld, Shaun Edwards, Paul Medley, Lee Crooks, David Stephenson and Paul Dixon, and it was a remarkable performance when a patched-up side won the third

at Sydney.
There has been the announce-

There has been the announcement this week of the unavailability of Hanley, the captain, whose inspirational running and leadership will be badly missed. The forward, Andy Platt, and the Widnes wing, Martin Offiah, are both rated extremely doubtful, and others carrying injuries include Joe Lydon and Shaun Edwards. Steve Hamusson, the Wissan full

Steve Hampson, the Wigan full back, who has pulled out of the

current tour for "personal rea-sons", had to miss the 1988 tour

through injury.
Oxley and his headquarters team are thus faced with a

shire opening bowler, as their last year's batting order will be back, including D J Bowett, the captain; they are returning to Festival cricket at the end of term and will be joined by Radley. Eton and Geelong Collee to compete in a series of 55-over matches for the Silk

Trophy.

At Radley, much will depend on H C L Sinclair, who will be able to call on four Colours from last year. J W A Horton has similar support at Malvern, but here much interest will focus on Malvern.

lege of entertaining two Austra-lian schools and, on June 29, the

as captain and leads an experienced side. Wickets should fall to J M Windsor and D A Bacon at Repton; they will spearhead the attack in a side where most human have been undried.

At Oundle, A Lee also an apening bowler, is captain. His main support will come from A Richardson, son of the Derbyshire player. There is an even greater shortage of experience at Oakham, where A Lee is captain, their programme includes a cricket week before they join the Gresham Festival.

Further west, Cheltenham re-

turn with a tour to Gibraltar and the captain, in his third year, is Their beighbours at Dean Close have eight old Colours, including C Townsend and C Knightley, who have both played for Gloucestershire Under-19. T Simmons captained a Bath Schools XI on a Christess town in Australia, he tained a Nath Schools XI on a Christmas tour in Australia; he leads Monkton Combe, to whom R A Johns, a wicketkeeper-batsman, should give added strength. A Habib and P Holloway visited Australia with an England youth side, so will provide valuable experience for Taunton School.

ence for Taunton School.

At King's Taunton, W J K
Greswell leads a balanced side,
but at Queen's, despite strong

batting, the absence of a spin bowler may be a handicap. D D Atwell, the Sherborne captain, should score heavily; he everaged over 50 last year.

### Eastern tour expands prep schools' horizons

THERE are few better ways to and drew three. Aged between prepare for the rigours about 10 and 13, compared to Prior than a pre-season tour. That being the case, two preparatory schools, Cumnor House, from South Croydon, Surrey, and Prior Park, from Cricklade, Wiltshire, should be in splendid form once the term begins. Both have just returned from Australia.

Cumnor House emerged with the better cricketing record, though without the additional education gained by the Prior Park boys, who stopped over on their outward journey in Hong Kong, playing two matches there and enjoying the rugby sevens tournament. Rain affected the Australian

leg of their trip, restricting them to five games, of which they won three and lost two, but they did notch up a statistically remarkable victory in their second match in Hong Kong, by 11 wickets after their hosts had

Perth, of which they won seven an unbeaten 50.

Between them, McDonnell, aged 13, and Sales, aged 12, scored 648 runs; Sales' total of 395 included five half centuries and a top score of 71 not out. consecutive innings in Sydney, and Brian Caulfield, with a 57, and Matthew Dawton, 54, also made their mark. With the ball, Sales was again

Park's spread from 11 to 14, the squad of 14 players accumulated 1,240 runs, which will raise more than £5,000 for the Princess Chula Children's Cancer Ward of The Royal Marsden Hospital, the beneficiaries of the

tour's run-sponsorship scheme. Philip McDonnell and David

Sales, the captain and vice-

Sales, the capiain and vice-captain, were outstanding but Martyn Cook, the team's coach, said that everybody played their part and will have a "cricketing

memory" of Australia.

requested 12-a-side games. the biggest contributor, taking Cumnor House's tour com27 wickets for 162 runs in 99.1 prised eight matches in Sydney. overs, including seven for 24 in one in Canberra and four in Canberra when he also scored

### Barbados to test club

PETER Mills, the Teddington captain, who broke his right thumb last August and missed the team's triumphant rise to the status of national club champions, leads a squad of 23 on a five-match tour to Bar-bados, starting today (Michael

The visit is the centrepiece of Teddington's prize for winning the Cockspur Cup, with the sponsors covering the cost of 12 players making the trip. It is their first overseas tour and offers a rare opportunity for a genuine English club side, withgenuine engilsa clau sale, with out guests, to test their playing standards in the Caribbean. The tour marks the farewell

South African fast bowler, who took three for 17 in the Middlesex club's cup final defeat of Walsali by 11 runs at Edgbasion last September. After six years in England, he is returning to South Africa midway through

South Armes initiway through the two-week tour.
Teddington also call upon Andy Miller, formerly of Middlesex. Glen Baker, a leg-spinner who played for Young Zimbabwe against England A at Mutare in February, Gordon Harris a Balfoedskip. Harris, a Bedfordshire fast bowler, and Richard Luddington, an Oxford Blue. TTINERARY: April 24: Doves: Empire: April 28: Barcisys; Bariss; May 2: Wandarura.

### Confident over distance without the aid of a horse

Having set her goal she felt that it should have a purpose. As she said: "I thought if I was going to do it, it should be for charity." She chose, appropriately enough, the Bob Champion Cancer Trust. Champion was the National Hunt jockey who, having conquered cancer, won the 1981 Grand National. And it was on Aldaniti, owned by Embiricos' father, Nick, that Champion gained victory in one FOR somebody used to races of between two and four miles on horseback, the 26 miles 385 yards of the London Marathon yards of the London Marathon may seem a bit steep. But Alexandra Embiricos, an ama-teur jockey, is confident of lasting the distance. "Oh "Il get round," she said. "I hope to finish in about four hours. This is my first marathon - and probably my last." Embiricos, aged 22, finds herself as part of a team that did

not turn up. "I was talking with race has provided. me friends last year and they were saying, "Why don't we all go running, and we decided to go for the marathon. Three of us sent off the entry forms, but in the end it was only me who got "I've been in training since September, I do a lot of exercises for racing. I normally run about three miles a day. And then

there's cycling and also work in the gym. You have to be fit to ride, otherwise you'd be a hindrance to the horse." She has suffered some knee problems which have restricted her training, but she passes these off lightly. "I've got some new shoes to help me, so I'll be all

May 13, and is another of the fund-raising schemes organized by the trust, which since 1983 has raised nearly £4 million for cancer research projects. Embiricos, with the trust's three other runners, hopes to raise a total of £12,000 from Sunday's efforts.

# Champion gained victory in one of the most emotionally charged moments that even that great

At 20 Aldaniti is enjoying his retirement at the Embiricos' home in Sussex. "Even when I see him in the field now, I still can't believe he did it. He's very well and we're getting him ready for his birthday party," she said. The party is being held at Sandown Park racecourse, on May 13 and is another of the

### Cancer Trust, Holland House, Burmester Road, London SW17 She started riding by way of a family tradition. In 1984 she Mekkonen Densimo is not a man chance in to make predictions

BELAYNEH Densimo was not dressed in baseball jacket and making any predictions about the London Marathon yes-terday, in fact, there were few subjects he was prepared to commit himself on.

Take his age for instance. It is beyond dispute that Densimo is the holder of the world's best marathon time — 2hr 6min 50sec recorded in Rotterdam in 1988 - but there is plenty of debate regarding his date of birth. In the past, the Ethiopian has claimed to have celebrated 24 birthdays, before turning round a few weeks later and describing himself as aged 32.

At yesterday's pre-race press conference in London, he told his interpreter he was 25. A receeding hair-line suggests otherwise, and a grinning Densimo added the mischievous rider. "Well, 25 plus: I think the Ethiopian calendar is

different to yours." Whatever his age, it is definitely Densimo's first appearance in the London Marathon. How he performs will depend on: "how I feel on the morning and the weather as much of the course — but I am confident I can win it. I also want to improve my marathon record. but I do not know whether it will be on Sunday or the next race." The mentality may be quint-essential African, but the trap-

pings of success are pure western commercalism. Casually

white T-shirt, Densimo fiddled with his wedding ring and consulted his gold watch, before addressing the question of what fame meant to him.

"Of course I am a household name at home, and it has meant a lot of different things to me. My personal life has been improved by 100 per cent, and I have all the basics, like houses and cars, that I need." It is a far cry from his origins

in a peasant village in Sidamo province, when a lack of transport meant that Densimo, one of eight children, first walked and later ran the 20 kilometre round trip to primary school each day.

As a 15-year-old, Densimo entered and won a 21km road race, which gave him the: "ambition to win at this game. So I joined the police, got proper training, and started running marathons." Some would argue that he has

been running too many of them just lately, four in the past year. The result has been a jaded-looking Densimo finishing ninth in New York last November, and third in Tokyo two months ago. Yet the man himself reiterated his feelings of "con-fidence about winning in London," and such faith is

reflected in his status as the firm

favourite to succeed on Sunday.

of his compatriot. Belayneh Densimo, who is running in London, to complete another Ethiopian victory in the Rotter-Mekonnen won the event in

1986 but Densimo has tri-umphed for the last three years. recording the world best time of 2hr 06min 50sec in 1988. Densimo's absence in London on Sunday leaves Rotterdam open for Mekonnen, winner of ast year's Boston marathon, to try to better the world mark on the flat, asphalt roads of Rotterdam.

The marathon, being staged for the tenth time in the world's largest port, has attracted a field of over 10,000 and will again expect to upstage its London rival on quality of performance. The main threat to Mekonnen (best of 2hr 07min 35sec) is likely to come from Ahmed Salah, of Djibouti, who has the fastest marathon time of all the competitors. 2hr 07min 07sec achieved when he ran second to Densimo two years ago.

Stiff competition will also be provided by the Japanese pair of Hirom: Taniguchi (best of 2hr 07min 40sec) and Takeshi Soh (2hr 08min 50sec) while the Dutchman, Marti ten Kate, will be eager to improve on his third position last year (2hr 10min 04sec) on his home soil.

### paraplegic.' You always want a little more than what you've faster race than last year, which Thackery sets eyes on cut

THE days of cutting lawns while watching Sebastian Coe get ready to trim the world middle distance records are a long way behind Carl Thackery now. The Yorkshireman never was one to let the grass grow beneath his feet and, with the help of the ADT London Marath Sunday, he plans to be on the move to Split for the European

championships this summer. Thackery's time as a national under-18 karate champion co-incided with Coe's as the world's premier 800 and 1500 metres runner nearly a decade ago. The fun went out of karate when Thackery's father had him working out for two hours a day until he reached black belt, first dan, status. A groundsman at Sheffield University, where Coe trained while I was on the Flymo". Thackery acquired the taste for running. The bond was tightened when he joined Hallamshire Harriers, Coe's

Thackery, aged 27, may yet become Hallamshire's most successful marathon runner, former European silver medal winner, the incumbent of that distinction, he has some way to go. After all, in his only two marathons so far, he chucked in one after nine miles and finished the other in 2hr 14min 19sec, which is so far down the British all-time list that you could block Westminster Bridge with the numbers ahead of him.



Thackery: Britain expects In London, though, all that should change. After the with-drawal through injury of Paul Davies-Hale, the Chicago champion, Thackery is probably Britain's best hope for victory. The first Briton is guaranteed a place in the team for Split.

wealth Games, suffering a caif injury. Thackery has run a half marathon in 61min 44sec and was close enough to Dionisio Castro when the Portuguese set a world track record for 20 kilometres on March 31 (57:18.4 against Thackery's 57:28.7) that you would not have head time to push the Flymo between them. Which, put another way, means: "I am confident I can run a fast time, whether it is 2hr 07min, 2:08 or 2:09, I don't know."

Barnsley three years ago of 61min 04sec, appears to be the only Briton capable of pushing through with a sub 2:09. Hugh Jones, the most consis-tent man in London's first 10 years, saw Thackery's 20 kilmetres race. He said: "He certainly has the potential. He is a natural talent and trains very hard." Cliff Temple, Thackery's adviser on training and coach to the 1983 winner. Mike Gratton, said: "He is uninhibited in his enthusiasm as witnessed from his 59 seconds first lap at the In the 12 weeks since he dropped out of the Common-

UK championship 5,000 metres for no reason other than he could not hold himself back. Temple's problem will be in persuading Thackery not to start too quickly, particularly with Belayneh Densimo, the fastest marathon runner in history, in the field. "It might work well in Barnsley; but this is the London Marathon," Temple said. "Halfway in the marathon is 20 miles."

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# A loser by name but big was the game!

version of croquet - the mallet replaced by the mace, a wooden stick with a wooden head. The game could have French origins for it is known that Louis XI enjoyed billard on his own table, which would have had a wooden bed - the slate bed didn't arrive until the 1830s. Can you imagine Messrs Higgins or Knowles playing on a wooden bed for the world championship?

It is generally accepted that the first billiards professional was John Roberts in the mid 19th century. Other leading players of the day were William Cook, William Mitchell and W J Peall. They and some other members of the trade set up the Billiards Association in 1885, and so the official rules of the game were introduced.

A new era was born in the early 1900s through Inman and Reece. The rivalry between the two became legendary. The stories of their bickering are inhimited. I like the one told following an Inman fluke. Sarcastically, Reece asked: "How did you do that?" Inman snapped in reply: "You are fully aware of my terms for history."

It is considered that Imman was the better player; but it was Reece who played two sessions a day for five weeks to compile a break of 499,135 using the anchor cannon - yes, they changed the rules after

he origin of hilliards is surely obscure. One train of thought is that billiards was an indoor the took over the world held in Melbourne Imman who had held it the previous four years, Smith's confederates were Claude Falkiner, Tom Newman, Freddie Lawrence and Tom Tothill, At this same time, three names were to emerge, never to he forgotten, in the history of billiards and snooker. New Zealand's Clark McConachy, Australia's Walter Lindrum and England's Joe

> McConachy, Lindrum and Da-vis, together with Smith and Newman, took over the world stage of billiards until its death in 1934. Davis took the crown from Newman and held it for four years, Lindrum's magical control of the balls and his break-building. of the balls and his break-building speed at close camons brought monotony for spectators; such was Lindrum's artistry, it is said, anyone could throw three balls on the table, and in three shots Lindrum would get close camons from the position left by the throw. He was, and always will be, the father of the three-ball game. It was in 1875 that a voice

It was in 1875 that a young Army officer, Colonel Sir Neville Chamberlain (no relation to the man with the umbrella), while stationed in India, had the idea of adding coloured balls to their usual game of Pyramids, so-called because it consisted of a pyramid of red balls, which they took turns to pot with the white one-ball. The name "snooker" was an Army hat! In 1920 one of the greats entered failed to pot the colours, you lost

In his hushed, almost reverential tones, Ted Lowe has brought the game of snooker alive to the millions, who have watched it on television from

the first recordings of Pot Black. Here, in print, he has

outlined the origins of the sport, its changing face

from the early days of billiards, and the

personalities who kept it going through a crisis

For many years, this variation on pool continued as a fun game, a bit of a joke, something to amuse at the end of a serious billiards match. Not until 1927 did it take on serious overtones. Even then some professionals couldn't accept it - Tom Reece and Willie Smith voiced scathing remarks about the same at regular

One player, however, saw the potential in the game of snooker.

pion billiards player, he was an astute businessman and talented organizer. With 22 balls and a variation of colour, he foresaw the busy action of this "fun-game" and its possibilities. He knew, for he was champion, that the three-ball game of billiands was becoming monotonous to the spectator and small areas of the table being used for close cannous, and lack of movement causing loss of popularity. He lobbied his fellow

attack the controlling body for a world snooker championship. They were reluctant but gave their consent, and 57 years from the inauguration of the billiards championships, professional snooker launched its championship in 1927.

All the history books will tell you how Joe dominated the game for twenty years undefeated -- how he built its popularity, how he made the game his own - but the game died in 1957 from lack of support and finance. The home of the professional game, Leicester Square Hall (formerly Thurstons), had closed its doors in 1955; the

shop window was lost. The three champions of the Fisties and Sixties, Walter Donaldson (twice), Fred Davis (eight times), and particularly John Pulman (eight times over eleven undefeated years) struggled to keep the game alive against all odds, including a new kind of entertainment called television.

o difficult was it for Pulman, he set up challenge matches for his title. and survived seven, the number of years there were no championships. Very few of today's players would know about, or even understand, those difficult times.

Oddly enough, television, which had played havoc with many entertainments, was to be snooker's salvation. In 1969 Pot Black appeared on the screens and was an instant success. It introduced snooker to a new audience, a section of the community hitherto ignorant of the game. Recorded over three and a half days per programme, directed by Jim Dummigham and painstakingly edited by the producer, Reg Perrin, Pot Black was shown all over the world.

It became its own executioner each series of sixteen programmes was shown weekly over four months. The overwhelming popularity of its 30-minute air-time attracted a host of sponsors tournaments that eventually made Pot Black surplus to requirements.

Television has brought the biggest boom the game has ever seen. It has made mega-stars of some players and tournament prizemoney now runs into millions of pounds annually. The playing calendar is so full that contestants sometimes find difficulty in getting from one venue to the next. The life of today's snooker star is a far cry from the daily chores of the pre-war professional

A contract signed by the BBC guarantees the excitement and drama of big tournaments in Great Britain until 1996, and the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield will remain the home of the world championship, with all its thrills, until the same date.

Certainly, television has put the world championship equal to, if not above, Wimbledon or the Derby as a popular sporting event. Television has also given us those memories that for many would have held no interest a mere decade ago. How can we forget that famous night when a record 18.5 million people sat spellbound in the early hours, to watch Dennis Taylor sink the final black against Steve Davis and take the title. Then there was the picture of elation on the face of Cliff Thorburn as he knelt by the table when the last black dropped to record his championship maximum break in 1983.

Extracted from Ted Lowe's text for John Ireland's Snooker Characters, published by Queen Anne Press (£14.95).



"The Grinder", as he is affectionately known after his second-round final session against Terry Griffiths in the 1983 world championship had taken nine hours, finishing around 4am, with Chiff Thorburn winning 13-12. The toughest match player anyone can meet, Thorburn, from Toronto, Canada, began playing in a local pool room and learnt the hard way. He would take any job to get a few dollars with which to gamble on himself at pool, and so hustled his way across North America. It took him until 1980 to realise his ambition to become world champion. Thorburn bettered this in 1983 by making the maximum 147, the only player to do so in a world championship.

### THE THREE WATER

The very essence of the true succider player can be found nowhere better than in the life of Jimmy White. He played truant from school to such a degree that his headmaster finally allowed his pupil afternoon absence in order to play snooker at the local billiard hall. His education suffered, but those afternoons were the stepping stones to world stardom. At 16, he was All England amateur snooker champion and within two years had become the youngest-ever world amateur champion. Jimmy's natural ability is the envy of many top players but his flamboyant style has given away as many frames as some players have ever won. In maturity, he is more

### STEVE DAVIS

Like the athlete struggling to take a second off his best time, Davis strives for absolute accuracy in every stroke he plays. He is a very private person, a gentleman both on and away from the table. Perhaps he is best summed up by the occasion on which his name was first inscribed on the coveted world championship trophy. We celebrated into the early hours while Davis lay on a couch, clutching the trophy and joining in the laughter. Then he just fell asleep amid all the hilarity. Born of a close-knit working-class family in Plumstead, south-east London, Davis is still accompanied everywhere by his father, Bill, who introduced him to billiards and then encouraged him.

### **ALEX HIGGINS**

Alex Higgins is controversial, selfaggressive and can be extremely pleasant. He has an undeniable talent, and, love him or hate him, there has never been a better box-office draw. He first hit the headlines in 1972 by winning the world title at his first attempt. Never out of the headlines, he took the title again ten years later. His quick thinking gave him a natural flair for the game and he would play for hours on end. He is completely self-taught, his style an absolute contrast to Steve Davis's. He is a rebel and does not have too much time for the establishment. He makes no attempt to conceal pathos or dejection in defeat.

### STEPHEN HENDRY

Stephen Hendry was only 14 when he made his debut on television - in Junior Pot Black 1983. Then he was a 4st 9in lad from Scotland, happy and proud to be wearing his first pair of long trousers. Now, seven years on, he is being acclaimed as a potential world champion and the second millionaire snooker player. His parents bought him a small table for Christmas and he has never looked back. Still a shy boy but now over 6ft tall, he matures in stature and performance with each passing day. Ably managed and guided by a Scottish businessman, Ian Doyle, this baby of the snooker profession has a very bright future indeed. Already he is the world's

### JOHN PARROTT

Undoubtedly a character of the future is John Parrott. He has a great sense of humour. At 25, snooker has already taken Parrott all over the world since he turned professional in 1983 - from Australia and Hong Kong to China (where he won the Kent Cup) and to Europe, where in Deauville in 1989 he registered his first big ranking tour-nament win in the European Open. Parrott first came to prominence when only 17. He was invited on Junior Pot Black and won two of the three series recorded for TV. He has a unique record in the Ponun Festival of Snooker, as an amateur, he won the junior and open tournaments; as a professional, he has taken both open and pro titles.

### BASEBALL

### Relief pitchers unable to contain Cincinnati

By Robert Kirley

in his first game of the season.

Dwight Gooden, of the New York Mess, deleated in his first two starts, has a losing record for the first time in his seven-

THE Cincinnati Reds have Dave Winfield, who missed thwarted their opponents' relief last season because of back surgery, is in the New York the Cincinnali Reds have the proponents' relief is season because of back pitchers and won their first six surgery, is in the New York yankees line-up as designated hitter. Winfield, aged 38, who managed only one hit in 29 is year because of alleged spring training at-bats, hit safety last year because of alleged gambling improprieties by Pete Rose, their manager, who has since been banned.

The players have asserted their redoubtable talent in the National League West division. Led by their new manager, Lou Piniella, the Reds swept a threegame series in Houston, twice getting the game winning hit off the relief pitcher, Charlie Kerfeld, of the Astros. Cincinnati then defeated the Al-Tanta Braves three times before

opening at home against the San
Diego Padres.
Mark Langston and Mike
Witt, of the California Angels.
Chitched the first two-man no hitter for 14 years. Langston worked the first seven innings of the 1-0 victory over the Scattle Mariners, Witt had pitched the Angels' previous no hitter, samus Texas in 1984.

CYCLING

### **Easter victors** chosen for Peace Race

EASTER'S road race winners have gained selection for the stage race that links East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland (Peter Bryan writes). Alan Gornall, John Hughes and Gary Speight complete Britain's team of six for this year's truncated version of the 43rd annual Peace Race, which until now has always been run between War-saw, Berlin and Prague, but which now includes only Berlin. Chris Boardman, a recent stage winner in the tour of Texas, and his team colleagues in that event, Simon Lillistone

season career. After faltering on opening day, Gooden, who underwent alcohol rehabilita-tion in the close season, yielded five runs in the second imnings and Mark Gornall, had been named earlier for the race. and departed after the third in a 6-5 loss to the Montreal Expos. Boardman has been selected because of his ability against the clock. This year's event includes The Milwaukee Brewers recorded the biggest shut-out in their history with an 18-0 win over the Boston Red Sox. Dave Parker and Greg Brock had four hits apiece in a 20-hit assault. three time trials, the prologue of five miles, a 10-mile event in Czechoslovakia and the final day's team ride of 16 miles.

Cay's team trice of to fillies.

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May 12: Great to Pisso, May 11: Gara circuit.

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### BOWLS

### Steele tries for elusive title

By a Special Correspondent ston, of Ireland.
That result gave Johnston, aged 46, from Ballymoney, the title for the second time after her

MAVIS Steele, doyenne of the women's international bowls scene for the last three decades, tries for one of the few titles to have cluded her in a superb career when she lines up in the 1988 and she will start as favourite to complete three in a women's world indoor champ-ionship in Guernsey this weekend.

Steele, of Middlesex, has awassed 11 national titles, but went down by the narrowest of margins in last year's world indoor final, losing 7-6 in the deciding set to Margaret John-

Bob Bass and John Mildren, who helped Middlesex win the

Liberty Trophy a month ago, appear in the Cambridge Park team for the London and South-

ern Counties Challenge Shield final against Whiteknights at King George Field,

Chessington, tomorrow (Gordon Alian writes).

At the same time Martyn Sekjer, Terry Heppell, Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, the

now when the action gets under way at the Guerasey indoor club tomorrow, the Channel Islands only indoor bowls facility.

victory in the inaugural event in

Johnston, however, has been given no favours in the draw, being included in what looks to be by far the hardest of the four

phers, will play Towerlands in the final of a new fours

Trophy quartet line up WYNNE Richards, Gary Little, national champions from Cy-

> Completing the line-up is Jeanette Conlan, of Scotland. CAMBRIDGE PRINC; Nink 1, M Honnor, R Spancer, B Jackins, N Thompson, Rink 2, Lankins, I Honnor, D Hall, P Rogars, Rink 3, R Bass, M Delaney, J Micherde, Micharde, M Richarde, M Micharde, M Richarde, Rink 4, K Zilson, R Potcis, D Kaurra, G Little, Walt 1, J Foxd, R Micharde, J Manhall, M Hawaran, State, R J Higgs, L Bahar, D Christie, K Hasse, Rink 3, L Rose, P Switen, J Christ, K Hawes, Link 4, A Califfer, K Persons, G Steady, M Michael and the Welsh pair, Pam John and Sylvia Froud, the reigning United Kingdom champi Two players from each sec-tion go forward to tomorrow's quarter-finals with the semi-

ections. She renews rivalry with last month's British single beaten finalist, Jill Smuth, the reigning English champion, and Liz Wren, Scotland's reigning national champion.

Both have something to prove, Smith that last month's defeat was a temporary setback in her rise to the top, and Wren that the Scottish selectors were wrong to omit her from the 32 trialists for the home inter-

national outdoor series.

Steele is included in the section with Elen Gordon, of player, Ann Simon, while in the remaining sections Belle McKeag of Ireland, is joined by Ann Sutherland, the reigning Welsh champion, and Fleur Bougourd, the Guernsey

best go into the play-offs. quarter-finals with the semi-finals and final scheduled for Sunday The NFL has come into the

### British league is given NFL seal of approval

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

By Richard Wetherell

BRITAIN'S league programme gets under way this weekend, boosted by the fact that it has been recognized by the National Football League (NFL). This is the first time that the NFL has approved another league and indicates that the National Division Managers Association (NDMA) could be on the verge

of something big.
The game in this country has been somewhat under-publicized but those involved see it as time for the big breakthrough in Britain. Despite losing the sup-port of Budweiser, who sponsored the league for three years, the NDMA is confident of reaching a deal with one of the

NFL's main sponsors.
The 18 teams making up the NDMA are split into two conferences. They play each club in their own conference and two from the other. The winners of each conference and the six next

British game partly because it is

league, the World League of American Football, next season and partly because it is the second largest market for its merchandise. The most visible link will be the NFL badge on team shirts, but they will also be providing coaching clinics, ref-erees and even cheerleaders.

The teams in last year's final the Manchester Spartans and the Birmingham Bulls, are expecied to do well again, but as they are both in the North conference, only one of them will be able to repeat their success. The South conference could well lie between the Brighton B52's and the Northampton Stormbringers but the two London teams, the Olympians and the Ravens, are likely

TO THAKE IT CROSE.

PEXTURES: Toneorrow: Leicester Panthers v Generod Senators (Sentron Lane, 7.30). Sonday: Summonan Suits v London Olympuns (Saltord Peric, 2.30). Chelmstord Cherokees v Thames Valley Chargers (Melbourne Park, 3.0): Marchester Allstars v Notingham Hoods (Swinton, 3.0): Northampton Stormbringers v Leeds Caugars (Welsingborough, 2.30).

to test club

# England grand slam coach ends exile with post at Quins

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

1980 whose amateur status was restored only last November after the writing of a book had made him a professional, is to become part-time director of coaching to Harlequins, his former club.

Davis, aged 48 and a housemaster at Sherborne School in Dorset, is concerned, however, that he remains in the amateur ranks. After his period as national coach, between 1979 and 1983, he was deemed a professional for negotiating to write a book which did not, in fact. materialize.

He chased in exile for six years, until the International Rugby Football Board accepted last autumn the Rugby Football Union's recommendation that Davis should be reinstated (although he is not permitted to coach at national level). No sooner was this achieved than a variety of offers came his way in the new climate of the professional

MIKE Davis, the coach of offered him a full-time pos-England's grand slam side in ition and others were keen to use his organizational talents.

'As far as I'm concerned I'm joining a well-established coaching team at Harlequins," Davis, who won 16 caps as a lock forward for England from 1963-70, said. "It won't make me a part-time employee and how they use me is up to them. But I suspect it will have to do with coaching the first XV.

"I see it as being part of a team which ensures that all the personnel in the club are catered for. The main thing will be pre-season training between July and September, but for 10 Saturdays during the school term I will have to depend on the eyes of the existing club coaching team because my priority remains doing my job properly at school. After Christmas I will be able to see more of them because I am not involved with the coaching of hockey at

Davis played both for club and country alongside Bob ning competitions or being an club administrator: two clubs Hiller who, with Geoff Ashby, also-ran.

is the leading member of the Harlequins coaching panel. Moroever. Winterbottom, the club cap-

tain next season, won his first England cap as a member of Davis's squad in 1982, It is Harlequins' hope that Davis can develop a coaching structure for the whole club, embracing under-21 and

under-19 teams, and that his own international experience will enable him to strike a good balance with the experienced players Harlequins have available - which includes not only Winterbottom, with 35 caps, but Will Carling, the England captain. "We are grafting Mike to

the existing structure," Colin Herridge, the club secretary, said. "We need someone with that analytical approach who has also performed at the top level. It might help us add another five per cent to our perfomance, which could be the difference between win-

### Administrators in demand

and the private sector in the administration of English rugby by the Rugby Football Union's advertisement for a new divisional technical administrator (DTA) for London and the

The post is at present occu-pied by Alan Black, the former coach of Wasps, but I understand that he is to move into a new position, created by the RFU, that of national promo-

will be announced next week, but clearly the role will dovetail with that of national youth development officer, held by David Shaw, another former

THE joust between the public administrator carries a salary of down a long way - is far greater than it used to be, partly because up to £18.000, which is considerably less than the amounts on offer from individual clubs. Gosforth and Bristol, for inof the sponsorship which is now involved and partly because of the league. Part-time officials stance, are seeking development officers and are prepared to pay up to £22,000 and £25,000. find it increasingly difficult to

However, Wood played down fears that the RFU would have although a place as a member of the RFU's technical staff may any difficulty recruiting their carry with it greater job security. "I don't know how long this sort of thing is going to last," Dudley Wood, the RFU secown personnel, despite the greater financial incentives ofretary, said yesterday, referring to the jobs with individual clubs, all of which have to be

"There are concerns on two counts though," he added. "If clubs think they are allowed to employ someone to coach their the regulations don't permit it. Secondly there is the question of recruitment of players, which would have repercussions with

### Barbarians reflect state of the game for Ireland

vetted by the union."There are a

number of clubs who are am-

bitious and a number have quite a lot of money, from the sale of

Wales was further testimony, if any more was needed, of what Geoffrey Windsor-Lewis, sec-retary of the club, said last November. After the Barbarians had lost to the All Blacks, he made the bluntest, most unpublic statement regarding the mediocre state of

There had been an inexorable decline: the players of quality are no longer around in the generous quantities they once were. he had concluded. Representing a touring club, affiliated to no one, he could speak his mind in a way no union representative

The essential truth at the core of this was only half-heartedly endorsed. Thus many observers interpreted it instead to mean that the Barbarians' ideals were out of date and had they but changed their principles and allowed the players to gather together under a recognized coach and practised for several days beforehand, the outcome at Twickenham would have been

Bring on the successful Lions who had toured Australia, was another, dubious cry in the wilderness. In quite what way this possible show of collective strength was meant to salvage the separate prides of Wales and ireland, who had played the unbeaten tourists, or give a fillip to England and Scotland, who had not, I am not altogether

certain.
It is the great fallacy of modern rugby coaching that more and more time, more and more practices, spent immediately prior to a contest, especially an international contest, is going to make a player, or a team come to that, substan-tially better. Benefit from team practice is finite; more, it can be

counter-productive. Not that it proves the point exactly, but it will do: New Zealand spend far less time together as a team than any of the teams that played in the recent five nations championship. In their superior rugby wisdom, they know that their players are nurtured elsewhere - in their clubs and provinces to become All Blacks.

Windsor-Lewis's point was confirmed by Dusty Hare's words after Cardiff's match against the Barbarians last Saturday, when he observed, after the poor standard at the Arms Park, that the depth of good players is no longer around. meone, somewhere ought to

For all that can be said in favour of league and cup competitions, there may yet be a vital minus factor.

As a friend - a schoolteacher who spends a good deal of his time watching and teaching young players - observed after the Wales v France schoolboy match on Wednesday, teachers and coaches are so busy forming ditional fixtures.



a single game plan to win the players how to play rugby no coach its variety of skills. Which is not necessarily the same thing at all. When their plan, prepared off the field, does not work, there is no one on the field able to supply alternative

tactics. Or, as Windsor-Lewis said: Players are no longer taught how to think. It is still a thinking game, but most coaches have taken that responsibility away

from the performers."

This dearth of talent is severely denting the Barbarian regutation on their Easter tour port or Leicester at other times in the season, it's pretty straightforward, but it is a problem to get a quota of really good players at this time of year," Windsor-

"Before we went to the Hong Kong Sevens, we had a strong contingent from Scotland, for instance, but since they are due to visit New Zealand in the summer, the SRU had suggested their players should rest before the tour. There was the Melrose centenary, too, so that we were forced to change the squad at the ast minute.

"Although we had Teague, Skinner and Probyn, the other English players we asked could not afford more time off, especially as they are going to Arentina too. And, from Ireland, we could only manage to get Kenny Murphy.

"You do need to have six or seven top names who can transform a scratch side, which what we are, into a team. But there is such a shortage nowadays of players who have great footballing skills who can do that Once you've scratched the thin layer at the top, you are struggling. You can also say there is too much national interference. So many demands are made on players' time during the season. Midweek sessions here, weekend training there. Players come to resent it."

Yet even so, the nature of the tour, as fully conceived in 1901, has changed considerably of late, in that the four matches have been curtailed to two. Penarth and Newbort have already disappeared from the Easter programme. Also, players these days cannot stay the full course of the weekend.

It was feared at one stage, with the onset of leagues in Wales. that there would not be the gap. in future, for the games against Cardiff and Swansea to continue. But the Easter holidays will remain free so that clubs will continue with their tra-

# Wasps seeded for final

inaugural national sevens tournament last season, have been drawn against Coventry in the first round of this year's event. sponsored by Courage, at the Richmond Athletic Ground on

April 29. In so far as any seeding of the 11 first-division and five second-division clubs participating has been done, Harlequins are

HARLEQUINS, who won the due to play in the final against Wasps (as they did last year). whose first-round match is against Northampton. However, Rosslyn Park, winners last weekend of the Famous Grouse tournament in Edinburgh, may spoil that scenario.

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### **Crowning** season

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

THE fickleness of comparative form was glaringly illustrated by England 18 Group's disappoint-ing showing against Ireland at Iffley Road, Oxford, on Wednesday evening, where an inspired Ireland Schools team clinched the junior triple crows in a year when good news on the rugby front in Ireland must be especially welcome.

On the same evening Wales Schools came agonizingly close to victory over the giant French Schools' side at Aberaman (3-4). in a game they probably should have won. Neath College have two excellent stand-off halves in Morgan, who played dis-appointingly against England at Hartlepool, and Williams, who has supplanted him to play with a skill and authority that might well have brought his side

victory against France.
France's key player was Castel, their excellent No. 8. Their try was touched down on the left wing by Labeyrie, while Rhys Williams, the Welsh prop, was having a cut head attended to. This followed an early penalty for Wales by Hopkins who, like Hueber, his French counterpart, was in far from convincing goalkicking form. The closeness of this result must be encouraging to England, whose final match is against France at Carmaux

morrow. Wise and imaginative clubs are conceiving ways to counter the decline or, sadly, demise of rugby in a considerable number of schools. Sponsorship is crucial, like that of the Provincial Insurance Company, which is contributing £300,000 over three years starting next season. to run a new junior clubs

Similar in principle and intent is the Manchester Evening News Festival of Rugby, which reaches its climax at Manchester RFC on Sunday. Two groups of eight teams will compete at under-10 and under-12 level, the festival commencing at 11.0 and the finals being held at 12.45 (approx).

A junior rugby festival will also be held at Darlington RFC where more than 1,000 children and colts will compete at mini, under-16 and under-19 levels on

● England's 16-Group party travelled to Benidorm yesterday national of their Iberian tour. against Spain tomorrow evening. After beating Italy at Wolverhampton last weekend they overcame Portugal 23-14 in Famalico on Wednesday, despite the introduction of five

new caps. They dominated the middle period of the game to score four tries through Hornby (two) and Razek, the wings, and

Stimpson kicked two conversions and a dropped goal but Ryan in the centre and Doughty. the prop, had to be replaced, which earned caps for Seager and Pearce.

ENGLAND 16-GROUP (v Portugal): T Stimpson (Silcoates): A Razek (Loughborough GS), K Wolfenden (Bedford), N Ryam (Mount St Mary's: rep. K Seeger, Broadlands CS), P Homby (Hymers College): S Howard (Dutwich College, captain), C Humaine (Werwicc): B Doegstry (Fothills CS), rep: 3 Peerce, Marior CS), P Speck (Crypt GS), R Winter (Upprepham), A Vascier (Millield), A Edwards (Lewes Priory), G Archer (Biddick), B Wyre-Roberts (Badford), G Peberdy (St Anselm's College).

# Hannon has designs on third 2,000 Guineas



# Tirol's victory establishes his right to lead home defenders

TIROL stamped himself as likely to pose the chief threat to the French challenger, Machiavellian, in the 2,000 Guineas when giving 3lb and a beating to Sure Sharp and Shavian in the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Craven Stakes at Newmarket

Richard Hannon, having already-captured the classic twice with Mon Fils and Don't Forget Me, was in no doubt about the high merit of Tirol's performance after Pat Eddery had brought the colt storming up the hill to win by a short bead, with Shavian 1½ lengths away third.
"He must go close to winning the Guineas," said the trainer.
"He's better than either of my two previous winners. He's got more class and speed than Don't Forget Me."
After the win of Lord Of The

Field in the first race, the punters made Mukddaam, his Kempton conqueror, favourite at 6-4. Willie Carson made the running on Nashwan's half-brother until overtaken by Sure Sharp two furlongs from home. Soon after, Eddery switched Tirol from the far rails to obtain a clear run as Shavian launched an attack in the middle of the

After being hampered as Sure Sharp drifted to his right, Mukddeam had to be snatched up and was besten a total of 5% lengths. The favourite would have finished closer with a clear run, but would not have trou-bled the first three.

There can be no doubting the

Warwickshire Club, Solihuil.
The top two teams from these
play-offs will qualify for the
second division of the
Poundstretcher national league

Surbiton, Trojans, and Fire-brands went through their

respective leagues unbeaten and Surbiton, who start the day's

proceedings with the match against Chelmsford, scored 53

goals in 16 matches. To this total Francis contributed 24 and Jolly 12, McGragh with seven and Notton with four adding to

the already considerable talent in the side.

Chelmsford are well stocked

with players representing Essex, with youth much in their fa-vour. The experienced Aldridge, from Worcestershire, and the Midlands is there to guide their

AT LAST, England are in transit for Australia and the women's

World Cup in Sydney from May

2 to 13. They left yesterday for their first stop, Perth, where they will acclimatize and have

some practice games with local

clubs before moving on to

Four years, the period be-tween one World Cup and the next, is a long time, but so much

The training squad was built around a nucleus of players.

Those players were barred from

county and territorial games as the coach, Sue Slocombe, thought it wiser for their bockey

to be less complicated and

EALING, the national women's

club champions for the past

three seasons, have failed to

qualify this year and so have

Slough (Joyce Whitehead

The South Tournament

clashed with an England train-

ing weekend. Ealing and Slough both missed key players and their teams could not make up

the loss. Wimbledon and Bracknell will represent the

South this weekend in the

National Clubs Championship

writes).

Sydney on the 28th.

had to be done.

lot better for the run.'

HOCKEY

Regional winners

vie for divisions

By Sydney Friskin

Additional is there to guide their ropays MATCHES Committed a Substitute in defence.

Firebrands gave notice of Barford Tigers v Trojans (6.0).

High hopes as squad

heads for World Cup

By Joyce Whitehead

Ealing missing finals

value of this form. The first three home are all highly-regarded and lightly-raced colts, and Call To Arms and Cham-pagne Gold, both represen-atives of last season's top two-year-old form, finished well beaten in fifth and sixth places respectively.

respectively. Hannon deserves full marks for his judgment on Wednesday that Tirol was the best home worker of his three potential classic horses. So his words about Rock City in tomorrow's Greenham Stakes at Newbury are worth repeating. "Rock City is lazy at home, but he's in tremendous form and I'm sure he'll stay a mile. Osario may still go for the French 2,000, but there's a possibility that he may

not stay a mile."

Hannon is as sound a judge of a yearling as he is capable a rtrainer. He gave 50,000 guineas for Rock City and 52,000 guineas for yessteray's winner. Tirol belongs to John Horgan, the Cork cattle baron, who is the elder brother of Jim, the owner

of Don't Forget Me. Barry Hills, delighted with the running of Sure Sharp, considers that the runner-up can go close to repeating Tap On Wood's 1979 win for the trainer. "He ran like all my borses at this meeting, extremely well, but he didn't quite last home. He'll be a

However, as Henry Cecil predicted Shavian also failed to quicken in the last furlong. Even allowing for a setback in his work, the impression was that the eight-times champion trai-ner was slightly disappointed. "He ran well enough until he

Preston, led by Nicholson, who has played for Lancashire and the North, clearly show that

they are not short of experience, with Bollom, of the Royal Air

Force, Cooper and Bowman, also of Lancashire, and Beasley,

from Cumbria, to lend support, Barford Tigers, whose squad

includes Amarjit Deegun from the England under-21 squad, take up the challenge with an impressive record of 49 goals for

and seven against in 14 matches.

Should they qualify everyone can look forward to seeing Lyons and Tigers in contention

next season, the Lyons aiready being there.

steered in one direction only.

Perhaps the most salutary

lesson learned was that they can

never be complacent and their

final dress rehearsal, the Four

Nations Tournament in Düssel-

Although they lost to the young West Germans, England defeated the Dutch and the Soviet Union. Seeded fourth for

this event, they are determined

to improve on this performance

and show how worthwhile their

ENGLAND SQUAD: J Thompson, K Parker. K Brown, S Lister (capt), T Fry, V Obton, J Stremith, C Brewer, M Novill, K Edwards, J Lowes, M Langridge, T Miller, J Abuns, V Hellern, M Soworby.

finals at the sports centre in

They will be joined by Chelmsford and Orpington

(East), Leicester and Sutton Coldfield (Midlands), Exmouth,

Yate and Gloucester (West) and

Hightown and Philadelphia Bedans (North).

look strong but are unpredictable and four matches each plus

place matches will sort out the

sheep from the goats.

The two Midlands clubs also

efforts have been.

dorf last weekend, went almost

exactly according to plan.

on the 2,000 Guineas are as follows: 7-4 Machiavellian, 8-1 Tirol, 12-1 Anshan, Shavian. William Hills are out of line with the other firms as they are prepared to offer 14-1 against Sure Sharp, Au odd twist to this week's

two Newmarket trials is that Eddery, who also rode Anshan on Wednesday, is unlikely to be available for either coll. The reigning champion jockey is likely to be claimed for Guy Harwood's dark horse. Now Listen. Khalid Adbullah's impressive Folkestone and Nortingham winner is now top quoted at 14-1. "We won't make a decision until after Sunday morning work," said Harwood, "but if all goes well be's likely to

Craven Stakes now represents the best form, but several shrewd punters are backing Anshan. Eddery confirmed that both schools of thought have their merit. "If Now Listen doesn't run, I'll find it hard to chose between Tirol and An-shan," he said.

shan," he said.

The only remaining clues to the Guineas will now be gathered from Newbury tomorrow when Rock City is to take on Rami and Childrey.

In the opening Fielden Stakes, Lord Of The Field was seen at his most determined when warding off the strong late challenge of Duke Of Paducah to win by half a length, James

to win by half a length. James

"But if he improves on that, we could be all right."

The best prices now available owner the Duke of Devonshire,

has surprisingly never had a runner in a classic. Guy Harwood was convinced that Duke Of Paducah had run a fine Derby trial, attempting to give 5lb to the winner. "He ran a sound race and will probably Derby trials before Epsom Willie Carson was lucky to

escape injury when Elmuraqash tell two furlougs from home. Hamdan Al-Maktoum's colt later had to be destroyed because of a broken pelvis. Luca Cumani also showed us

potentially top-class three-year-old when Lanfranco Dettori drove Lord Florey to a decisive win over Russian Frontier to win the Remy Martin XO Cognac Stakes for Sheith Mohammed. "He's a nice horse in the making," said the trainer. "Races like the St. Lames's Palace Stakes are a long-term

After racing we were given a tantalizing glimpse of Sasaki, who is joint-favourite for the de France, having won a maiden-race at Leicesser on his only race course appearance.

Ridden by Greville Starkey, Sasaki worked in good style over a mile with Barakish. However, Michael Stoute had no plans for the colt, who will be attempting to give the trainer his third and Sheikh Mohammed his first Derby win. "There's no news at present. We're just trying to get the horse fit," said the trainer.

### Lower set for hectic weekend

JONOTHAN Lower will no in a fall at Cheltenham on Wednesday on the Martin Pipetrained Regal Ambition in the 5759,000 Duelling Grounds,

This promises to be a me rable weekend for Lower. He will also ride one of Pipe's threerunners in the Scottish Grand. National at Ayr tomorrow be-fore leaving for the United

ably ride Bonanza Boy." Pipe said yesterday, "but that may change. If he does choose Boanza Boy. Graham McCourt will be on Strands Of Gold. Whichever Jonothan rides, Graham will partner the other. I also run The Thirsty Farmer and at the moment I am trying to book someone who can do 10 store." Lower wasted no time step-ping out of Scudamore's shadow as he partnered Yoyage Sans Retour to win the Minster Lov-eli Handicap Hundle at Chelten-

n by 21/2 lengths. Height Of Fun Smally came good with a low weight in the Wessera. Novices' Handicap Hurdle. Jamie Osborne brought him from off the pace to collar forlong and win going away by

trainer; said: "I shought at the beginning of the season he was him too high too quickly.

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### Verdict awaited on two Flyers

A DISCIPLINARY cloud hangs over this evening's first semi-final of the seventh Heineken championships being held at Wembley over three days in-SIX regional champions, Barford Tigers, Trojans, Preston.
Firebrands, Chelmsford and
Surbiton, go into action in a
three-day round-robin starting
today at the Olton and West
Warwickshire Club, Solihull.
The top two teams from these
play-offs will qualify for the
second division of the
Promotstretcher national league

Their potential by scoring 59
goals in 13 matches and conceding only seven, profiting largely
from the skill and enterprise of
Head, Ward, Haddrell, Craig
and Mark Sage. Trojans, while
retaining one or two of their
older hands, are also banking on
youth, represented by LaneSmith, Richard and James

tend of two.

In last Sunday's game against
Durham Wasps, Neil Abel, of
Fife Flyers, received a match
penalty for fighting and a gross
misconduct penalty for taking a

swing at a linesman. Rab Petrie, the Flyers' coach, was ejected from the game for arguing too vehemently with the referee and, under normal circumstances, both would be

SWIMMING

### **Pre-select** pair given preference

By Craig Lord ADRIAN Moorhouse and Nick

Gillingham have won pre-selec-tion for the European Open International Cup in Rome in August and the world championships in Perth, Austra-Their pre-selection is part of a policy which lays down clear criteria for swimmers aiming to

win British caps for the coming summer and winter international programmes.

A condition of pre-selection for Moorhouse, the 100 metres breastroke world record holder. and Gillingham, the European champion at 200 metres

breastroke, is that they show form in the run-up to the world championships.
No such condition applies to their appearance at the European Cup. Gillingham, of Birmingham, has a first chance to show form, following a disappointing Commonwealth Games, when he competes at the Cardiff Speedo meeting in two weeks time. Moorhouse, of-Leeds, is unlikely to face top

international competition before the summer.

The selection policy set by the Amateur Swimming Associ-ation requires competitors to be ranked in the top 16 in the world - based on times set before January 31 of this year by the best two from each nation - to be considered for a place on the British team for Perth. Teams

By Norman de Mesquita suspended. But the Fife-club has lodged an appeal and we will not know until some time today whether that appeal has been

Flyers face the favourites and premier division champions, Cardiff Devils, and, on all known form, the Devils should

win. It should be a high scoring game with Steve Moria and Rick Fera, who finished in the top two positions in the individual scoring race, each attempting to outscore the other. In contrast, tomorrow's semi-

final features the two teams which have based their success. on defence rather than attack, Murrayfield Racers and Not-. tingham Panthers.

Racers, with more scoring power to support that defence, should prevail and we will probably have the final that everyone wants to see on Sun-day afternoon: Cardiff Devils against Murrayfield Racers. -

Tone Notingham Panthers v Murziyfield Pacers. Sendey: Final (2pm).

FENNER'S: Cambridge University V

THE PARKS: Oxford University V

OTHER SPORT

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ICE HOCKEY: Heineken

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Barcleys League Third division Chester v Transnere (7.45)...

Fourth division Southend v Grimsby (7.45)... Stockport v Carlisle .....

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First-class matches LORO'S: MCC v Wordensrahing.

SQUASH RACKETS: British Open

### SPORT ON TV

ICE HOCKET: Screensmort 45 and 1.309.30pm: National Hockey Langue; Playoffs: Divisional semi-finate: Emmaport 10am-midday, 45 and 9-11pm; World Championship: Highlights of Soviet Union V United States, United States v Sweden and Wass Cannany x Championship: Highlights of States v Sweden and Wass Cannany x Championship.

MOBIL: MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport

POLO WORLD: Screensport 11-11.30pm;

CARLSBERG ROUND LONDON

BOAT MARATHON: Christened by its competitors "London's Alter-native Marathon", the 100 two-man

ATHLETICS: Eurosport 5-7pm: Highlights of the Boston Maredon.

BASEBALL' Screensport 10-11am: American league.

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GOLF: Eurosport 2-4pm and 11pm-1am: Highlights of the Madrid Open.

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TEMPIN SOWLING: Screensport 15-2.30pm; Highlights of the pro-bowless on Spring Tour from Atlantic City. UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screenport

TRY THIS

Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

SBERG ROUND LONDON personalities will also be taking part in two day's competition. The competition is a sporting day out. over the two day's competition, which involves an archinus right around much of central London's

British team for Perth. Teams will be chosen on their potential ability to make finals, and the swimmers will travel to Australia on December 17.

For Rome, the first-placed swimmer in each event at the summer national championships, to be held at Crystal Palace in London in July, assured of a ticket to Italy. Second-string places and teams will be chosen on their potential for scoring points at the Cup.

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# Talented Salsabil is poised to justify encouraging reports

By Mandarin (Michael Philips)

AT NEWMARKET ON THES-Groove and Hasbah stated their respective cases for being considered considered potential winners. of this year's 1,000 Guineas, This afternoon at Newbury, Chimes Of Freedom Dead Certain and Salsabil have the opportunity to do likewise in the Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes.

As the winners of group one races for two-year-olds, they all took high rank last year. But a new season is a different matter, and at this relatively early stage one only has reports of their home gallops

As far as Chimes Of Freedom is concerned, the two she won the Lowther Stakes at has been working with re-cently have failed to cover themselves in glory; one was beaten at Nottingham on Monday, the other scrambled

However, Dead Certain has furlongs. been working with none other Over a furlong further they than In The Groove, who so will enter the realms of the nearly won pulled the Nell unknown, but not so Salsabil, Gwyn Stakes. Both before and who ended her two-wear-old Gwyn Stakes. Both before and who ended her two-year-old after that race. David Elscareer on a high by winning

that Salsabil has been going at the season, one should have the local chamber too short for Salsabil, and occasion. In the circumpion hurdle can go to Deep too far for both Chimes Of stances, her proven ability to Seasation, the winner of the Tote Gold Trophy at New-

Chimes Of Freedom, the win-

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Selections

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By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Belierofonte. 2.45 Solomons Nephew. 3.15 Merseyside Man. 3.45 North Country. 4.15

Going: firm Draw: 51-61, high numbers best 2.15 EBF BRITON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O:

2-1 Selections, 7-2 Spinechiler, 13-2 Little Monk, 8-1 Who's Tel, 12-1 Bidders Love Lane, 14-1 citiers.

2.45 KNAYTON SELLING STAKES (8-Y-O: £2,700;

3-1 For Rest, 4-1 Beachy Glen, 6-1 Harvest Minetrel, 6-1 Precious Spirit, 10-1 Solomons Nephew, 12-1 others.

3.15 BIRDFORTH HANDICAP (23,184: 1m) (9)

Newmarket

Marjons Boy. 4.45 Champion Girl.

£2,469: 5f) (13 runners)

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1.00

John Dunlop: trainer of Salsabil (Newbury, 3.10) Stakes in Ireland, was a length

behind in third with Haunting Beauty, another of today's runners, close behind in fifth. Earlier, Dead Certain had York after running Chimes Of Freedom to a short head in the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket, where she was Monday, the other scrambled home at Newmarket on So on known form Dead Wednesday.

However, Dead Contain has the edge over six

worth; their trainer, said that the Prix Marcel Boussac over In The Groove had been going a mile at Longchamp on Arc

John Dunlop could not be Having won over six fur-more delighted with the way longs at Nottingham earlier in that Salsabil has been going at the season, she should not be Freedom and Dead Certain.

When Dead Certain won the Cheveley Park Stakes at selection. Newmarket last autumn,

As Fearless Revival was no match for Negligent in the ner of the Moyglare Stud Rockfel Stakes last October,

22,356: 50 (8)

with a filly of Sakabil's calibre but it should not surprise to see Lakeland Beauty run a big race. Like Negligent, she also started slowly at Ascot last September when they both made a highly promising debut in the race won by Alwathba.

The task of landing today's nap though is entrusted to Steve Cauthen aboard Henry Cecil's much vaunted Dress Parade, whose prowess on Newmarket Heath this spring has encouraged the belief that he will win the Spring Maiden Stakes even though his opposition includes Porto Heli, Quest For Fame, and Trying Days, who all shaped with considerable promise last

While Cauthen is busy on the Berkshire track, Willie Ryan, his dependable understudy at Warren Place, should be winning the Hambleton Graduation Stakes on North Country at Thirsk. I also like the look of Jalmusique's chance of winning the Birdforth Handicap following that heartening first run of the season at Newcastle on Monday when she split Evichstar and Eire Leath-Sceal both of whom had won their previous

The promise of soft ground at Ayr has resulted in a mass

Blinkered first time THIRSK: 2.45 Beachy Glan, NEWBURY: 3.40 Alfujairah.

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7 -319 COOL ENGUISH 19 (CD,EF,F,G,S) Mrs. J Rumsdon 8 180- YOUNG COMMANDER 181 (V,D,F) M Marginton 6-8-2

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3.45 HAMBLETON GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O:

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5 REAL STURNER M Naughton 8-9 K Failton 4
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7 4-90 KINOME LEGGERIE 210 N Tasker 8-9 Kim Trisker 2
8 534- YOMGE TENDER 125 J Whenton 8-9 6

4.15 SOWERBY STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,23& 1m 4f) (4)

4.45 OAKSTRIPE HANDICAP (23,184; 71) (14)

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Course specialists

TRAINERS: A Scott, 3 winners from 3 runners, 100.0%; G Harwood, 4 from 17, 36.4%; H Cacil, 10 from 26, 35.7%; J Whathon, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M H Essterby, 33 from 204, 16.2%; R Writinian; 16 from 111, 14.4%.

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By Mandarin

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Correspondent 2.10 Go Executive. 2.40 DRESS PARADE (nap). 3.10 Chimes Of Freedo 3.40 Capability Brown. 4.10 Case Law. 4.40 All Is Revealed.

By Our Newmarket

By Michael Seely

2.40 DRESS PARADE (nap). 3.10 Dead Certain. 3.40 Silken Lines.

Draw: high numbers have slight advantage up to 1m straight 2.10 BECKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts and geldings: 53,783: 5f) (1)

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3.10 GAINSBOROUGH STUD FRED DARLING STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £22,782: 7f 60yd md) (8 runners)

1	(2)	11113-	CHIMES OF FREEDOM 196 (C.F.O.) (S Nierchon) H Cool 9-0 5 Cambon 97
2	(1)	211211-	DEAD CERTAIN 198 (F) (G Marten) D Boworm 9-0
9	(4)	3112-	FEARLESS REVIVAL 182 (D.F.O.) (Cheroloy Stud) M Stouts 9-0 W R Swindless M
4	(0)	11150-	HALINTING BEAUTY 182 (F) (Triengle Thoroughbreds Ltd) M Stoute 9-0 M Roberts 94
5	(1)	415-	LAKELAND BEAUTY 171 (F) (Mrs. J. Hermsworth) W. Brooks 5-0 W. Newmer. 74
6	(3)	1	LONDON PRIDE 24 (F) (F Salman) P Colo 9-0
7	(4)	1116-	MADEMORELLE CHLOE 188 (F.Q.S) (K Jalla) C Booth 8-0
8	(4)	121-	SALSABIL 194 (F,S) (H Al-Maktrum) J Duntop 9-0 W Cerrent 96
8	ETTE	IC: 2-1	Chimes Of Freedom, 9-4 Dead Certain, 7-2 Salastit, 8-1 Haunting Beauty, 12-1
	TO SE	de Chice.	16-1 Fearless Revival, 25-1 others.
			1988: PASS THE PEACE 9-0 T Quinn (11-8 tox) M Bell 10 cm

FORM FOCUS CHIMES OF FREEtimer with impressive 8 detect of Pharach's Delatin flower at Newmarkst (7, good): previously won at horse to be current (6, good) previously objected DEAD CERTAIN (6b better off) at hid in Group I event at Newmarkst (8, good) in October.

DEAD CERTAIN rise on well finel furting to win Group I event at Newmarkst (8, good to firm) but Reduce at to defeat Cearmanne 1% on debut at Leicester (1m, good to firm) inst month, final start less term, palesting Line of Thursder 1st with CHIMES OF PREEDOM (stame serms) his and MADEMONSELLE CHILDE (serms terms) 15 Sch and MADEMONSELLE CHILDE (serms terms) 15 Sch.

Selection: DEAD CERTAIN (nep)

3.35 Deep Sensation. 4.05 Travel Over.

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Selections

2.00 The Humble Tiller, 2.35 Royal Athlete, 3.05 Monk's Mistake.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.35 SAYPAREE.

Going: soft

2.0 EGLINTON CUP NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (23,756: 2m 5f) (20 runners)

1 D00P/- LREJTHGOW PALACE 713 (A Grow) A Crow 8-12-7 A Orion 2 PSF414 DE BROKE 37 (SF-53) (Pell-mail Perrs) A Turnell 8-11-10 A McCox 3 F513:1P HOTPLATE 16 (G,S) (W Bellemy Let) D McCox 7-11-10 M Dwy 4 500-121 WESTERN LEGEND 58 (G,S) (Miss J Lang) J Edwards 6-11-10 M Williamson (5 453-812 FAMOUS LAD 48 (BF,S) (W George) R Lee 7-11-6 B Dowle
3 F5151P NOTPLATE 16 (G.S) (W Bellemy Ltd) D McCan 7-11-10
3 F5151P NOTPLATE 16 (G.S) (W Bellemy Ltd) D McCan 7-11-10
4 300-121 WESTERN LEGENO \$8 (0,5) (Miss J Lung) J Edwards 6-11-10
5 453-812 FAMOUS LAD 48 (BF,3) (W George) R Lee 7-11-5
5 BEY212 ROMANY KING 29 (BF,S) (L Garrett) G Baiding 5-11-4 R Goo
7 BI14U2 TARTAN TEMPEST 42 (G.S.) (The Edin Wool Mill Ltd) G Richards 7-11-2
8 ZI-1323 POSTON 51 (B.C.S.) (J Griffin) M W Espector 7-11-1 R Mark
9 3222-41 THE HUMBLE TRUER 46 (D.C.S) (Mrs F De Moreville) N Henderson 7-10-13 R Demicos
10 1P/4F6-3 BUCKBY FOLLY 97 (5) Data E York) M Camacho 8-10-12 P New
11 12-17P6 VALASSY 41 (0.5) (1-Brown) J Edwards 7-10-12 D Byrn
12 221221 ASTRE RADIEUX 35 (Q.S) (T Hemmings) S Molior 5-10-12 M Perm
13 5-P20F2 LOUGH ROAD 16 M McNames) Mrs G Jones 5-10-12
14 DEGLISF KOLKE MARTIN 41 (K Moore) P Hedger 8-10-11 B Power
15 132224 GREEN TOPS 36 (G.S) (K Harson) M Avison 8-10-11 R Genity (
16 JAA222 CARQUEEL ROCKET 62 (G,S) (A Seccomendo) J S Wilson 7-10-3 L Wy
17 46-0053 BANTEL BUCCAMEER 52 (S) (B Brandon) J Oliver 8-10-2 T Ree
18 22/PJ-PD OCEANUS 42 (F.G) (R Mischell) J Marchia 9-10-0 SJ O'Ne
19 000 MOSETY 100 (Mrs S Rubinson) J Oliver 5-10-0 G Thompson (
20 OSPO-4 KREVESTON 204 (M Alexander) C Alexander 6-10-0

BETTING: 7-2 Western Legend, 4-1 The Humble Titler, 9-2 Astre Radieux, 5-1 Romany King, 6-1 Tertun uppet, 8-1 Carousei Rocket, 12-1 others. 1989; KINGFORD 10-11-2 Mrs N Bayley (20-1) Miss M Hamilton Ellis 7 ran

2.35 SOUTER OF STIRLING NOVICES CHASE (£8,740: 3m 110yd) (15

1988: TARTAN TAKEOVER 7-11-13 P Tuck (2-1) G Richards 4 ran

FORM FOCUS ROYAL ATHLETE STARKEN NOSE unable on quickun figit at Towtester stayed on well to defect Arcisc Cell St. at Liverpool (Sm. 11, good to famil; prior to failing at Chelterham and being brought down at Kampton, deleated Last House 13th at Ascot (Sm. sott), CARRICK HELL LAD (4th britter off) less than flayer 3 3rd.

CARRICK HELL LAD completed map hand in Feature event here (2m 4f, newly) in Jerusny, offerstrop Aston Express 8t; previously best Kilone Abbay 12 in handloop here (3m 110yd, good to soft).

Selection: ROYAL ATHLETE

3.5 KYLES OF BUTE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,392: 2m) (18 runners)
1 212114- SPANSH SERVANT 27F (D,S) (D Philips) R Alebural 5-11-13 L Hervey
2 21142-5 MIGHT MOVE 96 (T.G.S) (Hortray Builders Ltd) M Pige 7-11-10
3 3PQ152 SHERWOOD GUNNER 41 (BF.D.G.S) (G Holden) O Brennen 8-10-12 M Brennen
4 0-0003P INSTANT TAN 36 (D,S) (J Poymon) J C'Neil 6-10-11 J Osborne
5 \$31241 MONE'S MISTAKE 45 (D.F.G.S) (G Goldstein) R Lee 8-10-9
6 0018P1 GURTEEK BOY 17F (D,S) (J Lare) J CTNeil 8-10-6 M Dwyer
7 134/P-21 STAR SEASON 84 (D,S) (M Wheeler) R Holder 6-10-3
8 002523 MESITMOCRE 55 (BF,CD,S) (G Borek) G Moore 7-10-0 J Collegen (5) 6
9 12PHG2 CANDLEBRIGHT 30 (CD.G.S.) (West Mtg Club Owners Grp) G Richards 6-10-0 D Berry (?)
10 0P00/0-1 SNOOKER TABLE 34 (D.F.G) (Nes H Richards) K White 7-10-0
11 DATICAL MICHAENT OF TRUTH 27 (D.F.S) (P Purcel) P Montain 6-10-0 L O'Hera (5)
12 13-0P02 GENOBRA 70 (D.S) (G Clark) D McClar 8-10-0 C Grant
13 894144 MUSICAL MYSTERY 36 (BF.D.S) (A Carrist M Avison 8-10-0
14 452265 PIT PONY 17F (V,CO,G,S) (Mrs H Beasse) J S Wison 6-10-0 L Wyer
15 /0P10-3 GO CRAZY 153 (S) (T Cultum) Mrs D Cultum 8-10-0 P Harley (?)
16 36F254 FURRY PATH 66 (D Ancrow) J S Wilson 5-10-0
17 204866 PENDLEY GOLD 30 (CD.S) (Mrs H Greensheets) M Naughton 9-10-0
18 F/F00/- HONORARY CONSUL 595 (T Crarg) T Crarg 9-10-0 F Perrett (7)
Legs handicag: Mertenoore 9-13, Candisbright 9-12, Snooker Table 9-12. Moment Of Truth 9
Carpotre S.R. Maderal Markey C.R. De Prins R.12 (in Cress R.12 Surr. Part R.7 Pentiles Cott 8-5, Hono

BETTING: 11-4 Sherwood Gurner, 7-2 Moment Of Treth, 4-1 Ster Season, 5-1 Monk's Mei steen Boy, 8-1 Markmoote, 14-1 genera. 1988: Right Hight 6-11-6 R Diamicody (15-8 fgv) P Mitchell 5 ran

FORM FOCUS SPANISH SERVANT useful nowce less assent who determed Queens Romence & on his season who determed Queens Romence & on his parutimase start at whotor (2m 30yo, good to soft). SHERWOOD GUINNERS creditable & 2nd to Found in Sherrwood Guinners creditable & 2nd to Found in Sherrwood Guinners conditable & 2nd to Found in Sandown heridicap (2m, soft). Movers heridicap (2m, good to farm). Movers heridicap (2m, good to soft). Guinners for the determined of the sherrwood Guinners after easily determined to the sherrwood Guinners after easily guinners. BOY reference well to defeat Marrogiana Mil in Spanishers SHERWOOD GUINNER.

Course specialists

Guide to our in-line racecard

Receard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in term (F-teil P-pulled up. U-unserted ricer. B-prought down. S-stoped up. R-refused. (F-term, good to hrm. hard. G-good. D-disqualified). Horse's name. Days since lets. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in Colonic J if jumps, F it flat. (B-binkers. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider by winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and Handicapper's rating.

3.40 MAIL ON SURIDAY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,597: 1m str) (14 BBC 2)

401 (7) 11184-8 STAR HILL & (F) (T Mountain) W Wightman 9-7 J Williams 402 (9) 322251- LIFT AND LOAD 150 (0.5) (6) Howerd-Sprisk R Henrich 9-5 R Rouble 403 (8) 149- ANTOINETTE JANE 167 (6) (P Locke) G Henrich 9-5 R Cockrains 404 (8) 301193- LARD OF BALINDRAL 195 (0.5) (Symbrak Racing) M H Eissterby B-13 G Duffhald 405 (13) 35-3 CAPABILITY BROWN 17 (BF) (A Perry) D Morley 8-9 G Hind (8) 407 (1) 2155- BROADWAY STAR 252 (F) (A Dumbrell) M Bell 8-8 Pet Edderly 406 (11) 235- APALIALARA 244 (V) Hanned Al-Haldown) J Gosdan 8-7 W R Swindows 409 (5) 420- PUBEY STREET BOY 157 (M Williams) R Hannon 8-1 A Miscinger 410 (3) 3330- APALIANCEOFSCHENCE 195 (Phompson Cook Lid) D Arbuthnot 7-13 J Curter 411 (2) 62300- AMÉRICAN COMERZION 774 (D Johnson) J Sutcifite 7-12 T Williams 411 (2) 62300- AMÉRICAN COMERZION 774 (D Johnson) J Sutcifite 7-12 T Williams 411 (2) 62300- AMÉRICAN COMERZION 774 (D Johnson) J Sutcifite 7-12 J Guien 411 (2) 62300- AMÉRICAN COMERZION 774 (D Johnson) J Sutcifite 7-12 J Guien 411 (2) 62300- AMÉRICAN COMERZION 774 (D Johnson) J Sutcifite 7-12 J Guien 411 (2) 62300- AMÉRICAN COMERZION 774 (D Johnson) J Sutcifite 7-12 J Guien 412 (12) 1 SILIEN LINES 80 (D) (Lord Cernarvon) N Graham 7-8 Delle Gibert (3) 413 (D) 510- SLEEPLRE PALLACE 257 (F) (Siaecine Holdings) R Holder 7-8 J Guien 414 (4) 339245- MILIFIELD LADY 178 (F) (M Lawer) R Simpson 7-7 G Barqwell 414 (4) 339245- MILIFIELD LADY 178 (F) (M Lawer) R Simpson 7-7 G Barqwell 414 (4) 34924- MILIFIELD LADY 178 (F) (M Lawer) R Simpson 7-7 G Barqwell 415 (D) 415 (D

BETTING: 15-8 Salten Lines, 3-1 List And Load, 9-2 Courteey Title, 11-2 Adujainsh, 6-1 Broadway Star, 8-tionwitte Jane, 10-1 Star Hill, Laird Of Balmorial, 14-1 others. 1989: HAWWAMI 8-6 B Rouse (9-1) C Benshald 13 ran

FORM FOCUS STAR HALL won fisted good to firm) less serm: 111 7st of 9 to Binsamul on the field in a valuable event at Laurel (1mt 110y, good to firm) less serm: 111 7st of 9 to Binsamul on Kempton (1mt, good) reargearance.

LET AND LOAD early debased Lingue Light 41 at Thesk (1mt, sort) in November.

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LARD OF BALLMORAL heavity backed when beating Lots Borno at Haydock (1mt 40yd, good to soft) with COURTESY TITLE (1lb better off) a hambered in number of 111 3rd. Kept on none pose when a 25th 3rd of 111 1st Court Court 111 of 15 to Scorpio Ledy at Ayr (8t, heavy) lesses.

COURTESY TITLE reportedly it when finishing down

4.10 CHIEVELEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4.402: 50 (13 runners) BBC 2 501 (B) 103300- SRESAE 171 (D.J.F.(D) (S Learny
502 (11) 323020- LYNOSEYLEE 171 (D.F.S) (G Syvret) J Berry 9-2
503 (4) 3461-15 METAL BOYS 6 (D.F.(E) (North Staffs Recorp Club R Hotimsheet
504 (5) 1136- MOBLE MATCH 223 (CD.F.(E) (Nirs R Chapter) I Belding 9-0.
505 (10) 229-111 CASE LAW 1 (D.F.(E) (J Leveck) M Prescott 9-5 (7b ax).
505 (2) 1230- FACTUBLUE 301 (D.S) (R Hamer) M Fernerson-Godiey 8-3.
507 (3) 209-1 DARAKANA 220 (D.F.) (R Hamer) M Fernerson-Godiey 8-3.
508 (7) 018- MOYAL SUPREME 347 (D.S) (R Stroff) G Lewes 7-12.
508 (13) 691- MEEKA 179 (D.S) (K Bertel) R Boss 7-12 ...
510 (3) 204400- SROWN CARPET 202 (R Der Rosano) G Lewis 7-11.
511 (12) 329-21 BUSSCAL FLASH 17 (D.S) (M Grant) R Hamon 7-7.
512 (9) 64254- DECEST 188 (N Bedeck) G Lewes 7-7.
513 (1) 00-018 BARGEZIELK 6 (D.F.) (G Stemberg) D Witson 7-7.

Level handicage Decest 7-4, Barbazoeux 6-5.

Long handlosp: Decet 7-4, Barbazseux 6-5.
BETTRIC: 2-1 Case Law, 4-1 Metal Boys, 11-2 Musical Flash, 7-1 Denskah, Noble Match, 8-1 Mieka, 10ndesyles, 12-1 Royal Suprems, 14-1 others.
1956: NEANU BANKER 9-0 J Rekt (9-1) P Arthur 12 ran

FORM FOCUS LYNOSEVILE a very purely consistent and processes the consistent purely c

4.40 THATCHAM HANDICAP (£4,500: 2m) (11 runners)

1989: POLK DANCE 7-8-6 J Williams (7-1) G Beiding 13 ran

Course specialists

3.35 SCOTTISH CHAMPION HURDLE LIMITED HANDICAP (Listed race: £15,180: 2m) (13 runners) C4 

BETTHW2-4-1 Jimry Jack, 5-1 Sayparse, 6-1 Deep Sensedon, Don Valembno, 10-1 Aldino, 11-1 Dis Train, 12-1 Aldazi, 14-1 Lumbergack, Vagador, 16-1 Sacra D'Or, 33-1 See You Then, Al Asoof, Alichor Rex.

FORM FOCUS VAGADOR unsuited by firm ground when a never dangerous 33t 4th to Moriny Street at Liverpool (2m 4f) latest, Better judged on earlier head defeat of Beach Road (save 14th) at Fornwell (2m 2f, soft).

JINKY JACK not degraced when a 124f 6th to Kirbensis in Champon Hurdle at Cheltenhern (2m, pack) of Destroy of Destroy of Part of Destroy of Section (6th). DON VALENTINO on pack 7f 2th beck in 4th and SEC YOU THEN a (15th) on that ALDING a destinant 11th, to Judali at Liverpool (2m, firm) latest and holds VAGADOR (6th). DEST TRAIN (15th) and SEC YOU THEN (16th) on that Tunning, Perwously added out to beat past Glories a head at Kelso (2m, good to soft).

DEEP SENSATION prayously all out to beat Joyful Selection: VAGADOR

4.05 GEORGE GRAHAM MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,392: 3m.

FORM FOCUS HARLEY, pulled up at Cheltenham (3m 11, good to firm) latest, exter a cradeabe 111 3rd to Russar Huydook (3m, heavy) with TRAVEL OVER (7m) and BROWNHILL LASS (pulled up) behind. THE DEBION BARBER suppe up in distance after beating Mouniabor 1131 at Martist Rasen (2m 51, good) latest. FINGEST. 2nd but beating Mouniabor 1731 at Martist Rasen (2m 51, good) latest. FINGEST. 2nd but beating when left at last behind Crock-Na-Nee at Bangor (2m 61, good) latest, previously pushed out to best tim Naped at Martist Rasen (2m 51, good to soft). RIVERNOT made mistakes when a 2013rd to Coutant Carleia (3m 2), soft) latest. RIVERNOT made mistakes when a 2013rd to Coutant RASER pulled up when note lost time. Rivernot made mistakes when a 2013rd to Coutant RASER pulled up when note lost time. Rivernot made mistakes when a 2013rd to Coutant RASER pulled up when note lost time. Rivernot made mistakes when a 2013rd to Coutant RASER pulled up when note lost time. Rivernot made mistakes when a 2013rd to Coutant RASER pulled up when note lost time. Rivernot RASER pulled up when note lost time. RASER pulled up when note lost time

4.35 ROYAL BURGH OF AYR MEMORIAL HURDLE HANDICAP (63,246: 2m 6f) (23

Long bacdicaccini Splesh 9-13, Depping 9-13 Royal Astronaus 9-11, Edberg 9-11, Created 9-1, Guntage Mac 9-1 tranger 6-8. Ceitic Saints 8-4. Plying Cats 8-6. Boome Basines 7-12.

Mac 9-1 tranger 6-8. Ceitic Saints 8-4. Plying Cats 8-6. Boome Basines 7-12.

BETTING: 5-1 Rostery, 11-2 Aus. Eye, Dunmer. 7-1 Junior Parise: 8-1 Drowsy. 10-1 Midland Express, Inc. Spless, Basierm Cass, Dark Emperor, 12-1 Randolon Place, Royal Astronaut, 14-1 others.

THE TIMES RACING SERVICE

1989: DOWN FLIGHT 9-11-5 Peter Caldwell (9-2) T Caldwell 5 ran



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3.40 (1m 4f) 1, ROYAL BORDUGH (Pat Etdary, 5-1); 2, Frescabalde (W. Cargon, 9-4 (aw); 3, Western Dynasty (G. Bardwell, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 7 Sir Rulus, 15-2 Roll A Doller, 8 Cold Marbio (4th), Battu Rical (6th), 9 Ecossals Densour (5th), 25 Pingal

P. 1.20, P. 25.90. DF: 25.90. CSP: 218.38.

Tricest 2138.63. 2min 35.72sec.
4.10 (6) 1, CASE LAW (3 Duffield, 9-2 tart); 2. These's Girl, 6 Norton, 20-1; 3. Elliphometer (7 Mocse, 7-1). ALSO RAM: 11-2 Bertherama (6th), 13-2 Nazzie, 8 Areny (4th), 9 Shout Fore (5th), 14 Koracle Bay, E Arab, 20 Indian Chief, Jagged Edge, Bermand Lay, 25 Across The Bay, Les Amis, 50 Dencing Breeze, 15 min. NR: Contin-Hall, M. 174, M. 13, M. Pressocia at Newmaniet. Tota: 24.60: 22.20, E5.10, 22.40, DF: 2212.50, CSF: 281.12. Tricest: 2574.02. Timin 13, 4 Masc.

4.40 (50 1), Gitery ROOSTER (6 Regulation), 25 Sec. 22.30, E5.30, 24.00, 22.90. DF: 2075.50. CSF: 2300.60. Geling: good

2.0 (1m 1) 1, LORD OF THE FRELD (3
Duffield, 9-4 fav); 2, Dutte Of Pediscale (7
Cochrene, 8-1); 3, Gohas Heights (5
Cauthen, 12-1), ALSO RANC S Spenish
Empire (4th), 5 Tribble Eight, 7 Air Mussic,
11 Emuraçusis, 53 Crysmi Beann (5th), 50
Rest loss Loquitus (6th), 9 ran, 14, 4, 6, 1,
31, J Toffer at Newmarket, Totac 23,00;
£17,0, £2,70, £4,70, DF, £5,40, CSP;
£19,22, 1min 52,13eec, After a stewards'
inquiry, result stood.
2.35 (77), 1, LORD PLOREY (1, Dettor). inquiry, result stood.

2.35 (77) 1. LORD FLOWEY (L. Dettori, 15-2; 2, Rusetan Promiser (M. Hills, 8-1); 3. Rejoneo (Pai Ecdery, 15-8 tav). ALSO RAN: 94 Mazza, 12 Newer So High, 20 Guitmarg (5th), Wastring, 25 Starright Pyer, 23 Comwell Prince (6th), Lord Magester, 30 Into The Floars, 65 Shinting Jessell (4th), 100 Bell Turret, Bounder Hows, Collin Ridge, Cartelit Up, Northern Village, Sandy Storm, The Weir, 19 ran. 1%, 3, 1%, 3, 1%, 3, 14, 3, 14, 2, 1. L. Currant at Newmarket. Tota: £5.30; £1.70, £2.80, £1.30. DP: £17.30, CSF: £53.84, Imin £8.38esc. 446 (5f. ). Okery ROOSTER (8 Re-rond, 6-5 fay); 2, Descendie (A Clark, 6-1); 3, Sykos Honde (M Roberts, 3-1), ALSO RAH: 7 Pensaraph (6th), 14 Fighting Son (5th), Flying Promise (4th), 8 ran, 1), 154, 3, 5, 6, W Javis et Newmerter, Tota; 22-20; 21-50. E2-40. DP. 54-20. CSP; 28-95, 1m 91-86s. Jackpot: 213,422.30, Placepot: £95.50. Cheltenham 3.10 CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAM-PAGNE CRAVEN STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O colls and goldings: 222,877: 1m) TIROL br c by Thatching - Alpine Niece (J Horgan) 8-12 Pat Eddery (9-2) 1.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

(15-2) 2. Shevien b c by Kris - Missal Appleases (Lord Howard de Walder) 8-9 S Cauthen (3-1). 3. ALSO RAN: 6-4 tov Mukddissen (4th), 11 Cell To Arms (5th), 20 Champagne Gold (5th), 6 ran. Sh hd, 15i, 4i, 2i, 10. R Hannor et Markorough, Tota: 27,90; 23,50, 07; 221,00, CSF: 230,31. Timn 38,58ec. After a stewards inquiry, result assood.

51.50, E1.70, DF. 22.70, CSF. 24.87. 4.35 (2m hole) 1, CHAMPAGNE LAD (R. Rome, 7-1); 2, Good Speck (J. Laoch, 17-4; 3, Debto (J. Lower, 10-11 fev). ALSO HAN: 9 Deadly Charte (Sch), 10 Construct Lad (4th), 5 ran. NF: Ivengh House, 10, 20, 12), 3, J. Giftord at Findon, Tour. 25.90; 22.40, EV.50. DF: £12.10. CSF-£3.88.

First for Jones Himmah gave Tom Jones, the Newmarket trainer, his first winner of the season in the Western Music Fillies' Stakes at 5.10 (2m cm) 1, MOHALIMOLIN (L Wyer, 5-4 fav); 2, Pantomina Prince (D Williamson, 3-1); 3, Prins Asses (S Earls, 13-8, Ayr yesterday.

Golog: heavy
2.30 (tim 20 1. Therease Lang (J Marshall, 25-1): 2, Al Sharwel (10-1): 3. One For The Pot (S-4 tay): 4. Free Marx (4-1): 15 ran, 3d, 4d. M Britism. Tota: 250.00; 77.40, F.1.40, C.1.60, C.1.80, Dr. C198.90. CSP: 2248.23. Tricast: 2731.11. Zman 24. Steps. Atter a stewards' frequiry, result shoot.

24.5 (2m 4f hote) 1, VOYAGE SANS
RETOUR (J Lower, 17-5 fay); 2, Little Tore
(M Lynch, 4-1); 3, Collic Bob (R
Durwoody, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Glen Oek
(4th), 3 Dare Say, 5 ran. Nike Badillar,
Bravo Say,

ctift, 3 Dare Say, 5 ran. Nête Bachar, Bravo Star. 251, 2, 6, 9, M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: 210; E140, 2190. DF. 23.80, CSF: 28.46.

2.50 (2m of hote) 1, NESCRY OF FUN (J Obbrra, 4-1); 2. Tappin's Green (J White, 8-1); 3, Basu Part (F Rove, 7-2), ALSO RAN: 2 kw Wriden (4th), 10 Tochenita, 14 Jane Craig (5th), 25 Adentic Cactar, 39 Change Wear (6th), 2 ran. MRs. Tombry's Dragm, Relendly Henry, Kortsaki, 4, 284, 14, 264, 71. O Sherwood at Upper Lamoours. Tote: 24.00; 21.70, 21.30, 21.80, DF. 21.40, CSF: 20.21. Tricast: 288.68.

3.35 (3m if ch) 1, TOPSHANS SAY (H Device, 9-2); 2. Denness Cavally (B Dowling, 4-1); 3, Random Remance (F Dunicody, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 law Bitzga Indicas (pu), Casta Remorae (4th), 50 Brasseys: Copes (5th), 65 Lady of Bastwin (pu), 8 ran. 12, 201, 8, 81. D Barons at Ringstridge. Tote: 25.00; 21.40, 21.30, 21.80, DF: 27.90, CSF: 21.90, 22.10, 22.00

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By Richard Streeton

THE most famous twins in cricket history add to their achievements tonight when Eric Bedser is due to be elected Surrey president at the club's annual meeting. Three years ago. Alec Bedser filled the same role.

There have been 14 instances of twins playing in English first-class cricket but no other pair have progressed to their county's highest office.

For Eric to scale this particular pinnacle in his own right emphasizes his contribution to Surrey cricket. Inevitably, he is recalled as the twin who missed selection for England, unlike Alec who won 51 Test caps.

Unfortunately for Eric, his career as an off-spinning allrounder coincided with the period when Laker was with Surrey and England

The Bedsers have shared such an interwoven existence all their lives that they regard their cricket careers as an entity. Eric becoming president will bring equal pleasure to both, just as Alec's Test match appearances did. They confirm there has never been an atom of jealousy between them about anything. Even for identical twins, the

Bedsers, who are 72 in July, share an uncanny affinity. One can start writing a letter by hand and the other can finish it without the recipient being aware. They think as one person and, when they talk, one starts a sentence and the other finishes it.

But what about the void which will be left when one dies? "We have talked about this," Eric said. "We realize that the survivor will not expect to live very much longer alone, nor perhaps will he want to."

Eric was born 10 minutes earlier and, at 7lb, was four ounces heavier. They have always lived at Woking with their mother, who died, aged 96, last December. She was virtually the only person who was always able to tell them



Oval office: Eric Bedser surveys Surrey County Cricket Club and its surroundings yesterday. He is due to be elected club president this evening

and fed Eric twice before Alec noisily protested.

Lunching with them this week, it was easy to spot Eric because a recent Mediterranean holiday had temporarily left him with a better sun tan and a few extra pounds in

The Bedsers always resisted the temptation to hoax anyduring a first-class match. However, in the 1946 Surrey centenary game against Old England, Alec bowled three balls to Woolley before, unnoticed, he changed places Once, when they were ba- at mid-off with Eric, who

remarked to an umpire on the young man's subtle changes of pace."
The cricket world has al-

ways understood that the Bedsers, originally both fastmedium bowlers, tossed a coin to decide who should change his style. It was true that Surrey were well-endowed with seam bowlers, and that a change for one of them seemed sensible.

They cannot recall tossing a coin, however, and give the credit to Alan Peach, a former Surrey player and their first coach. Peach noticed Eric's bies, even she made a mistake finished the over. Woolley ability to spin the ball, en-

couraged him in the habit, and it went from there. No one doubts Eric would have done the double regularly had he played for a weaker county. His best allround season was 1949, which brought him 1,740 runs, with

The following summer, he had hardly bowled when he was given a chance in the notorious Bradford Test trial, and failed to do himself

a top score of 163, and 88

The Bedsers were on opposite sides for the first time, and Eric was one of Laker's

THE PARKS: Oxford Univer-

sity, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 268 runs

victims as he took eight for two on a damaged pitch. It might not be generally known that Laker gave Eric a single, with a slow full toss, to get off the mark, or his analysis might have been even more

As president, Eric will play host to the Queen at the Foster's Oval on August L when she opens the Ken Barrington centre, grandstand and other new facilities.

Another highlight during Eric's term of office will be the club's efforts to raise funds for local youth cricket. No Surrey player has a benefit this year

and the club has a full-scale campaign planned, with John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and a Surrey supporter, taking an active part. The Bedsers have come a long way since they first joined the Surrey staff 52 years ago, from what they admit was a humble background. They have retained all the basic and

by their father, who was a bricklayer. Eric's coming year as Surrey president seems certain to

best human virtues instilled

increase the respect and Somerset in bleak welcome

nationals from the West Country, had rounds of 72, one over par, to trail behind Florence Descampe, of Belgium, and Spain's Tania Abithol, of Spain. Mercifully, the course withstood the downpour which persisted all day. Experience was a sestion ally and Douglas, in particular, made a courageous recovery by playing the homeward half in 34, having been three over pur after eight holes. an Australian. Ken McCley, an all-rounder from Western Australia, who has played one-day international cricket for Australia, was born here. He arrives early next month and will not count as an overseas

Johnson, who won three times in 1987, her debut season, is regaining her confidence after struggling in the United States. for two years. Yesterday she played impressively until drop-ping shots at the 11th and 13th before hoting puts of four and

Johnson, two British chalat the 15th and 17th holes. lengers, finished only one stroke Descampe is one of the a Descampe is one of the grow ing band of professionals work-ing under the guidance of Nick Feldo's coach, David Lead-better, in Florida He has anoff the lead when the European women's golf season opened in the Valentra Classic in cold. heavy rain at Olgiatz in Rome couraged most wrist action in her chipping and taught her the Douglas and Johnson, two former Curtis Cup inter-nationals from the West Counadvantages of playing the half

Descampe, heeding Lead-better's advice, chipped in from 10 yards for an eagle at the long fifth hole, then added birdles a the 15th and 17th holes to match Donglas's 34 over the last nine holes. Abithol, one over after 11 boles, almost matched after II boles, almost matched this. A wedge approach to 12 feet brought a birdle at the 15th for an inward rap of 35 and a 71, transm rassr across scores iga

### Young Sherman pens in a place for Iceland

British challenge

afloat in deluge

From a Special Correspondent, Rome

KITRINA Douglas and Trish seven feet for redeeming birds

Baby boom might

become cause for

more than unease

Card of the course

Oct 3.626 36

Total yerdege: 6.973

There is a strict rule at Puerta

de Hierro banning children

under 14 from the clubhouse.

and there is a proliferation of toddlers and babies on the European tour. The crecke on

offer near the front gate, about a mile from the club, did not meet

with wifely approval and nonfathers might have reason to resent childish shricks intruding while they tried to hole out on

"The attitude's a bit out of

date." said Harwood, who half-shanked off the first tre, having heard about his wife's wors, and had to hole a 40 footer to save

the 4th green nearby, ...

From Patricia Davies

A FRISSON, or the Spanish

through the hallowed, aris-tocratic corridors of the Real

Club of Puerta de Hierro, high on its hill above Madrid. The

cause of this unease is — or certainly should be — the

All being well, it will be with us in time for the next Cepsa Madrid Open and the Volvo

tour baby boom should then reverberate mightily above the

Yesterday, on the first day of this year's Open, Ballesteros, the defending champion, sans off-spring, confined himself to a few

growls at the over-eager photog-raphers, chasing him and Carmen, his wife, and causing

him to duff a shot at the short

17th, his eighth, as he took five. He had another double bogey at the 9th, his last hole, where he

drove into trouble and hacked

drove into trouble and hacked his way out.

The resulting 76, four over par, left him nine shots behind the leaders: Mike Harwood and Rodger Davis, of Australia, Jose Rivero and Miguel Angel Jimenez, of Spain, and Rick Hartmann of the United States.

Hartmann and Jimenez have no children and Javie's claudi.

no children and Davis's daughters are old enough to save i

the problems that befell Harwood and Peter Fowler,

another Australian, or, rather,

their respective wives and babes in arms, yesterday. Tary fell foul of the authorities, being ejected from the clubhouse and, later, removed from the lawn in front of it.

Ballesteras babs:

Ashford professional in Kent, overwhelmed all opposition to win the Peter McEvoy Trophy for players under 18 at Copt Heath yesterday and to receive the prize from the hands of the programment living beauty of the programment.

the prize from the bands of the eponymous living legend of amateur golf.

Sherman's overnight lead of one shot remained intact after the morning round, though his closest pursuer was now David Cottrell, of Herwall, rather than Matthew Ellis, of Wrexham.

There was only one player in it after funch as the rain eased and left nothing more than an arctic chill to survive. Sherman was a level par 71 for the fourth round and, with a total of 290, won by the bandsome margin of eight strokes. This was three won by the handsome margin of eight, strokes. This was three shots fewer than Wayne Henry's record winning margin in 1987. Cotterell was second on 298, with a 71 in the morning and a sad, uncontrolled 78 after lunch. The England boys team selectors were at Copt Heath in force and will no doubt have inked in, rather than pencilled in. Sher-

rather than pencilled in, Sher-man's name for the European championship in July. That event is to be in Iceland, for which yesterday's conditions seemed an appropriate

preparation.
Since his eighteenth birthday is the last day of July, Sherman is also qualified for the English boys stroke play championship

PAUL Sherman, son of the Ashford professional in coverwhelmed all opposition to win the Peter McEvoy Trophy sherman, blessed with a smooth, fluent swing, had his problems to start with. He had to chip and part for par at the prize from the hands of the eponymous living legend of amateur golf.

Sherman's overnight lead of it was roses all the way from then onwards except for a six at the long 15th, and an inconse-quential five at the last, but by then it had long ceased to matter.

He was near enough to the long seventh for a chip and putt and a brilliam eight from to within 12 inches at the night took him under par. Coming home, be hit a nine iron to within three feet for a three at the 14th, but no doubt his concentration flagged towards the end when he was so lest

His father, banned from the spectators' gallery by the sort, expressed his pride afterwards. "Maybe one day," he said, contemplating another pro-fessional Sherman, "he'll be able to keep me in a manner to which I'd like to become accustomed. I'd like to become accustomed of FNAL SCORES. 290: P A Shirman (Astiond, 76, 69, 74, 71, 290: D Noticell (Astiond, 76, 72, 71, 78: 299; N: W-D Osmord (Long Astion) 75, 74; 72; 78; 360: M J Elis (Winstern) 74, 72; 78, 78; 301; N B Hussey (West Essay 65, 80, 68, 73; 302; M L Watch (HB Usiley) 74, 75, 79; 73; 11; James (Broadstone) 76, 78, 78, 77; 304; S P Kiran (Westsen) 80, 75, 74; 75; J Westwood (Worksop) 76, 78, 78, 78

### BASKETBALL

### Hopes survive team blows!

By Nicholas Harling

yet uncapped Stuart Ruckledge - England have won their last of Birmingham Bullets, are three games against Scotland likely to find themselves on the and in the European qualifying sidelines when Ransom prunes tommament were too good for

his squad to the required 10.

"Had I had my original selection with Vaughan and Marin Clark, of Kingston, I

the Danes, who themselves defeated Scotland on the last two occasions the countries met in 1984 and 1985. In contrast to the Danes, who have selected an experienced team with no new caps, the Scotland coach, Alan

### Barnett takes all the tricks

FENNER'S: Cambridge Univer-sity, with nine second innings wickets in hand, are 350 behind James and Heap had resisted with some aplomb the previous evening but now, with the pitch just that bit more juicy Mortensen and Jean-Jacques moved in with a will.

As long as Cambridge learn from the day's experience, it will not have been all for Derby-shire's benefit. But in terms of a Barnett off his new, spritely and longer run bamboozied the successful outing, it all went tail. A spell of three wickets for Derbyshire's way. They bowled out the univerno runs in eight balls gave him obvious pleasure, although this was touched with chagrin as one 226 behind on the first innings, of his googlies brushed Jenkins's ignored the follow-on, successfully juggled their order to give practice to those who most needed it, and finally declared, giving the students 20 minutes Maher, under the right eye and caused three stitches to be inserted. These longer runs have their dangers.

batting in near darkness and facing a deficit of 353. DERBYSHIRE: Pirst limings 332 for 4 dec (CJ Adams 111 not out, KJ Barnett 52, TJ G O'Gorman 55, A Kulper 51). Second limings 6 Roberts c Lowrey b Suzza 33 S C Goldsmith low b Atlanson 51 Heap is already out and Cambridge will need all their resolution to stretch the game

beyond tea on the last day. Disappointingly swift inroads were made into the university batting yesterday morning.

Extras (tb 2 w 3)

Second Innings S P Jemes not out
R Heap c Brown b Miller .....
M J Lowrey not out ...... 

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-32, 3-32, 4-35, 5-39, 6-58, 7-90, 8-105 9-105 10-106.

"K.J Barnett, T.J G O'Gorman, C.J Adems, A Kulper, A.M. Brown, †B.J.M. Mather, O.H. Mortensen did not bat. FALL, OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-86. NOT quite two hours play was possible here, which is to say that it was another bleak day. For Somerset, recently back BCWLING: Jenkins 8-2-57-0, Pointer 9-3-32-0, Addinson 7-1-27-1, Buzza 10-2-27-1, Pyman 4.3-2-2-0. AMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY First Inning
P James b Jeen-Jacques
Vaap low b Montensen
Lowrey c Adams b Montensen
M Addingon not one from the Bahamas, it must have felt wintry. At one stage, on the ground there really were only two men, one of them The Parks

keeper, and a dog. It was on account of the inclement early season weather, rather than the quality of the opposition, that Somerset chose

opposition, that somerset chose not to play either Oxford or Cambridge during the last four years. It has been so cold and wet over the first two days that they will think twice about returning next year.

There was play until just

before lunch, broken by one 15 minute stoppage. Almaer, who had not added to his four runs overnight, was bowled by Rose, playing indeterminately at the

No. 1 from Nottingham who is seeded third and has reached the

finals four times, survived another nightmare by the grace

of a fortunate refereeing de-cision and a late spurt of racket

genius. She scraped past Sue Wright, the teenager from Kent, 9-3, 6-9, 9-3, 5-9, 10-8, in 65

FitzGerald, a much-admired

Hagan was then picked up by Roebuck at third slip off one that Jones ran away from the bat. Turner chopped the next ball on to his stumps. Crawley averted the hat-trick and survived until the next stoppage, if not with the conviction he was showing earlier in the week. showing earlier in the week. came at 5.30, lasted barely half and hour. There was little that Somerset could glean which

they did not know already. Of their two new bowlers, Lefebvre had seven overs; Swallow, but one hall. Lefebvre has a short, springy

Lefebvre has a short, springy run and could become quite whippy. He is 27, but has the enthusiasm of a teenager, which considering this was his first-class debut was not surprising. Under the baffling rules of eligibility, he, a Duschman, does not count as an overseas player. Somerset are on the point of acquiring another 'Englishman'

Hard and fast after special dieting and training. Wright hustled and bustled and steadily wrenched the initiative away

from an over-confident Opie to hold match point at 8-7 in the

In her own mind she was

already into a quarter-final against Michelle Martin, of

Australia, who defeated Fions Geaves 9-7, 0-9, 9-1, 9-6 in 33 minutes, until the referee, Bill Goldsmith, delivered a no-let

decision on her appeal for a match-winning forehand penalty stroke. "Not prepared for the shot," Goldsmith declared.

Wright was by turns dum-founded, disappointed, dispos-sessed and then determined for revenge. "Next time," she

revenge. "Next time," she promised, knowing she had just

and determined as he again-fought back from a 3-1 deficit in

the third and fourth sets for one

Frank Willis, the popular Manchester professional, also showed his fighting spirit as he

came through after losing the

first two sets, to defeat Robert

Fahey, the young Australian professional, in an extremely

RBSILTS: (GB unless mated) F Wills bt R Fahey (Aus), 3-6, 5-8, 6-5, 6-4, J Show bt M Happell (Aus), 0-8, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 M Gooding bt A Page, 6-5, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 M Gooding bt A Page, 6-5, 8-2, 6-1; K Sheldon bt C Bray, 5-9, 8-3, 6-4, 8-5; L Douchst (Aus) bt S Ronaldson, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, M Happell (Aus) bt K King, 8-3, 6-3, 6-2,

close five-setter.

of his best wins of the season.

player from next season

SOMERSET: First lonings 328 for 6 dec (R J Harden 99, "C J Taxare 83).

Unipres: JD Bond and AGT Writehead.

The former chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, Cecil Paris, aged 79, has re-signed as president of Hamp-shire after seven years. He is to be replaced by Wilfred Weld, an executive committee member at

"I knew it was the escape hatch," Opie said, after clinching the match with three skilful rallies in her best high-floating and accurate style. "I started so well in the first, going to 7-0 in no time at all. I got overconfident and then I just could not set Sue under control could

not get Sue under control again

"Most young players panic when they get close. But Sue is a fighter. She was very calm and

fighter. She was very calm and she moved better than ever

"At 2-2 I was thinking this would be last year all over again, but perhaps this is my night-mare behind me and I can

concentrate on squash now."

she led England to the junior played the best squash of her team title in the 1987 world life.

**SQUASH RACKETS** 

Struggling Opie survives close call

### NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL Hats off to Slough

### in centenary year By Mark Herbert

THE last Saturday of the league

season is hats day for Slongh Town, Rain or shine, home or away, their supporters don the daftest headwear available be-fore taking to the terraces. This year, the millinary parade will centre on Bromley on May 5.

This is no ordinary year for Slough. First, it is their centenary; second, the club is

poised to join the top flight of non-League for the first time. In its early life, the club nicknamed The Rebels cut its teeth on a gentle diet of county and suburban leagues, progressing to the Corinthian, Athenian and Spar-Corinthian, Athenian and Spartan; now, as leaders of the Vauxhall League, the GM Vauxhall Conference beckons. Hats off to the lads if they Slough have three games

remaining to ensure promotion. They are six points clear of Wokingham Town, who have a game in hand. Two of the matches are against relegation strugglers. Bromley and

The leaders, who have fin-ished third in each of the previous three seasons under the management of Alan Davies, have a strong connection with Wycombe Wanderers, and thus several of their players are familiar with Conference foothall. The side has matured under Davies, although age most are in their late twenties or early thirties - may count against them next year.

Slough have signed Tommy Langley, the former Chelsea forward, whose experience has been invaluable. He has both scored goals - 22 to date - and help create chances for Neal Stanley, the club's leading scorer last season, who has added 24 to his haul of 27 last year.

Aylesbury United, a point

behind Wokingham, slipped up on Monday, losing 2-1 at Wind-ser and Eten to dent their chances of catching Slough. They meet Dagenham away tomorrow, but have three relatively easy games against relegation-threatened sides.

• Welling United, the GM Vauxhall Conference club, have

The most likely champions of abandoned plans to build a new the Beazer Homes League are stadium outside the town and instead have begun negotiations topped the table for most of the with the local council for a 25 season. Bath City have provided year lease on Park View.

a close challenge, but are five points behind, with a game in hand. Dover's last three opponents include Wealdstone - one of four sides to beat them this season — at Lewisham Road tomorrow, but they are un-beaten at home and have con-ceded one goal in their last nine

matches. Their remaining matches are against Chelmsford and Alvechurch, both strugglers.
Coine Dynamoes became the
first club this season to earn one of the automatic promotion places to the Conference when they beat Mossley 3-2 at home on Monday to clinch the HFS Loans League with seven games in hand.

Whether they will be able to assume their place is another matter, they will not be modify-ing their Holt House ground this summer, and are still negotiating a ground-share arrangement with Blackburn Rovers or

VAUXHALL LEAGUE

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· Hendon have parted company with their manager, Micky Janes, who had been in charge at the club for 21/2 years. Alan Randall, aged 39, who has been associated with the club for 21 years, replaces him.

narrowest of margins. RESULTS: Group A: Singles: J Ward bt C Dean, 6-1, bt D MacDonald, 6-2, bt N Edwards, 6-1, bt R White, 6-0, C Dean bt D MacDonald, 6-4, bt N Edwards, 6-3, bt R White, 6-1, McDonald bt Edwards, 6-4, bt White, 6-4, Edwards bt White, 6-3 (Ward wins group, Dean is runner-up)

By Colin McQuillan

THE expected script for Ladies Day at the Hi-Tec British Open championships lasted just 28 minutes yesterday at Lambs club, London, while Susan Devoy of New Zealand, the defending champion, dismissed the challenge of Rebecca Best, from Ireland. Thereafter, England's remaining women determinedly wrote their own minedly wrote their own dramas into the affair.

Alison Cumings, the Surrey player seeded thirteenth who appears to have found a new lease of competitive life at the age of 28 from concentrating on coaching others rather than herself, savaged Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the young Australian seventh seed 9-5, 9-0, 9-5 in 49 minutes to earn a quarter-final against Devoy.

resistance

not enough

MIKE McMurrugh, the holder,

put up spirited resistance as he went down to John Ward, the

favourite, in a tense and enter-

McMurrugh, looking sharp and controlled on his home

court, played the tambour

The remorselessly consistent

Ward, however, produced some

exceptional retrieving and,

keeping as calm as ever under

pressure, denied McMurrugh the chance of a third set by the

(Sally Jones writes).

points at 5-4.

Then Lisa Opic, the England

newcomer two seasons ago when she emerged from the Australian Institute of Squash, appeared on this performance to have gone backwards. Correct in technique and impressive in appearance, she had little tac-tical response to Cumings's experienced manipulation of both territorial advantage and the referee.

Wright, aged 19 and in her first full season on the inter-national circuit, has conversely developed considerably since

REAL TENNIS

### McMurrugh's Determined fightback gives Sheldon victory

KEVIN Sheldon, the Learning-ton professional, gave his home and determined as he again crowd plenty to cheer about when he scored a thrilling victory over the highly-fancied young professional, Chris Bray, in the Conrad Construction

taining semi-final of the World Over 40s Real Tennis championships at Seacourt world tournament. The subtle and consistent Sheldon made full use of his home court advantage and despite trailing by a set and 3-1, always kept the athletic Bray under pressure with his classic particularly well and added extra subtlety to his normally powerful and aggressive game, fighting back from 0-4 in the second set to hold three set floor game, negating the sharp

volleying and forcing upon which his opponent thrives. The deceptively casual Shel-

THE recent finalists in the British amateur real tennis championships, James Male and Julian Snow, are seeded to meet again in the final of the Coupe de Bordeaux, the French amateur championship, which starts today (Sally Jones writes). Male, the world rackets dou-

Seedings cue rematch bles champion, surprisingly defeated the holder, Snow, in straight sets in the British

Mike Happell, the world No. 3 amateur, and his fellow Australian, Chris Sievers, are seeded third and fourth

# RESULTS: Women singles: Third reseat: S Devoy (NZ) bit R Bust (Ira), 9-1, 9-0, 9-3; A Curvings (Eng) bit S FizzSernid (Aus), 9-5, 9-0, 9-5; L Ople (Eng) bit S Wright (Eng), 9-3, 6-9, 9-3, 5-9, 10-6; M Martin (Aus) bit F Geaves (Eng), 8-7, 0-9, 9-1, 9-6.

DAVID Ransom, the England coach, has accepted the familiar anxieties of a coming international programme with his

usual good-humoured, philo-sophical approach. "We have gone for a blend of experience and youth," he said after being forced to make four chang would have had no hesitation in the original squad of 12 he selected for the Four Countries saying that we would win this event, Ransom said. tournament beginning at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow tonight. Following the departures of two of England's most experi-enced forwards, Clyde Vaughan and Dave Gardner, with inju-

ries, Ransom also lost Keith Ramsey, Gardner's Manchester

Ransom was less than impressed by England's showing against a Bury select team on Wednesday night. "We were all over the place," he said after his two newcompers. They are Dougteam's 105-97 victory in which last McConnack, of Cunnock, and Andy Kirts. 56-Fogerty (24 points) and the aged 24, and Andy Kidg, of recalled Sewell (20) were top Dalkeith Saints, 23. Ramsey, Gardner's Manchester recalled Sewell (20) were top Clubmate, who felt he could not scorers.

Scorers.

Clearly there is much to be manchester of Clearly there is much to be manchester time off. The last one to pull out was Andrew Bailey, gland's defeats by Spain. Yugo the Brixton guard, who turned an ankle in Monday's first leg of the National League first division play-off final in which his club defeated the champions. November. Whether the Scots. Steve Nelson and Mick Bett, replacements for Wales who could not raise a team cast librational provide fough council to provide fough

had to hote a 40 tooler to save his per three. "When you're away from your friends for seven or eight months of the year, you need your family with you and you don't want to be told they're not welcome, I definitely won't come back." LEADING FIRST BOUND SCORES RS and by unless stated: \$7: M Harvood (Aust). R Harmson (US), M-A Jicoseaz (So), R Devic (Aust), J Breeto (So), \$80.0 tenters, M Aptimizo (Sp), P Powier (Aus), M MacNety (Zira), G Brand Inc. A Sometion (Devi). \$82.1 Handsworth, M MacNety (Zira), A Rous (Sp), J Buenda (Sp), P Certigil, D Durpien, J Persesik (See), J Van de Veiche (Fr), D Pehetry, D Rey, S Bousses (ISCA) Caylon (Aus).

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complication here is that Mi-

lan, under the influence of

Silvio Berlusconi, their presi-

dent, are thought not to want

Gullit to play in the World

able to sign the new three-year contract which Milan will

allegedly offer when there is

proof that he has fully recovered from his knee operation.

They, and he, would like that

to be in time for the start of the next Italian league season. Involvement in the World

Cup could jeopardize this.
The Netherlands, as com-

promise compensation are

suggesting, I understand from good sources, that Gullit could

be used as a tactical substitute: kept on the bench until such

time in any match that his

presence is imperative. That

could, of course, be a physical

risk against defensive, and

often unscrupulous, oppo-

sition such as Uruguay, Italy,

Argentina, South Korea and well, these days, almost

Both events this summer

would be the less attractive

without Gullit. He adds a

delicious dimension of un-

predictability to either side. On Wednesday night, Milan, even without him, were still

good enough to deserve to reach the final and defend

their title on the strength of a

goal 11 minutes into extra

At present, he has not been

# Gullit so central to Gullit so central The Netherlands The Netherlands Talians alike

RUUD Gullit is at the centre of controversy, not merely about whether he will play in the European Cup final in Vienna next month for AC Milan, and then in the World -Eup finals for The Netherlands, but over his involvement in the dispute FA does not. -surrounding the management of the Dutch team.

Taking these issues in reverse order, the uncertainty on who will be at the helm of the European champions when they open their World Cup land, the Republic of Ireland and Egypt, is the most complicated.

Thijs Libregts, at present involved in a legal dispute on his contract with the Dutch federation over his distrissal following qualification, fell-foul of a dressing room revolt led by Gullit on two counts: the players thought him tac-tically naive, and he allegedly made disparaging remarks about coloured players.

Frank Rijkaard was shamethally heckled with racist chants by a hard-right section of the Bayern crowd here—
The Shed end of the Olympic Stadium - every time he touched the ball, during Mi-lan's 2-1 defeat and victory by the away goal on Wednesday night. Gullit and Rijkaard did not take kindly to the sugges-tion, made by Libregts during the qualifying competition, that coloured players were lazy, especially in winter. Mutiny among the squad, already in veiled existence, grew around Gullit.

The question postponed separatedly by the Dutch FA, now is whether Leo Beenhakker or Johan Cruyff should replace Libregts. A further complication in the background lies in Rinus Mi-

chels, manager of the famous is reported to be likely to start team of 1974 and of the playing again within two European victory in Munich two years ago. The current first team squad want Cruyff, by a reputed majority of some eight to five, but Michels, technical director of the Dutch

In spite of the supposed sympathetic relationship between manager and captain in 1974 - when Cruyff spoiled an illustrious career by inadequate leadership during a losing final against West Germany - Michels is said now to regard Cruyff as an indifferent coach with Barcelona, yet believes that Cruyff's appointment with the Dutch team would restrict his (Michels's) tactical influence in Italy.
Michels is a general, celebrated but not overrated, leading from behind.

Quite apart from the fact that the Dutch FA are reluctant to pay what Cruyff is expected to demand for six weeks' work, the probability seems to be that Beenhakker will be given the task. Before moving to Real Madrid four years ago and winning three successive Spanish champion-ships, Beenbakker had been coach and temporary manager with the national team.

However, Beenhakker's present club, Ajax, are said to be unhappy about their manager having no holiday for the second consecutive summer. training for the club season begins two weeks after the World Cup finals. They want their manager, if not their international players, to be fresh in mind and spurit — to which the answer surely is that there could be no better stimulus than to bandle a national team in a World Cup Gullit is fresh enough, and

out the prompting from a wandering Gullit, is not the Having won the first leg More Italian glory with a penalty by van Basten, Milan might have been three up on aggregate by half-time in the UEFA Cup but for memorable goalkeeping by Aumann for Bayern. Strunz, an intelligent though unspectacular midfield player, then levelled the aggregate score in the second

half to force extra time. A lob by Borgonovo over the advancing Aumann, momentarily exposed by a square defence, meant that Bayern now had to score twice more to win the tie; and, though pepraistently on the attack on an excellent pitch now slippery in neavy rain, to manage only once, McInally

scoring off the crossbar. There is the prospect of an outstanding final, in tactics and performance, between this technically gifted Milan side, who are thinking during every split-second of the game, and a Benfica side that is inspired by the fluidity of its

### **Debating** the use of video nasties

From Clive White

THE manner of Benfica's victory over Marseilles in their European Cup semi-final in Lisbon on Wednesday, which one might apily describe as "underhanded", has again raised the question of whether a video replay facility should be made available to referees. weeks; time enough to be ready, for a man of his talent, for the beginning of the World Cup and, indeed, for the particularly in important games European Cup final against Benfica. However, the

The coup de grace, delivered y Vata, a substitute, with his by Vata, a substitute, was forearm in the 84th minute, forearm in the 84th minute, thereby giving Benfica victory on the away goals rule, was unseen by the Belgian referee and the large majority of the 90,000 audience.

The truth of the matter only came to light thanks - or, in the case of the referee, no thanks -to television's instant replay.

The temptation to take advantage of the assistance which modern technology can provide is great. But whether it is practical is another matter.

American football has ceded to the demands of action replay but the sport can more easily accommodate the stoppages that are necessary.

Tennis has made a concession to the reliability of machines by occasionally using an electronic eye to spot long services. But it has not replaced the service line judge, merely supplemented him. Also the information that

it provides is instantaneous. FIFA and UEFA, football's ruling bodies, are steadfastly against the introduction of such against the introduction of such an aide for referees and, indeed, recently rejected a request for the facility from the Italian FA referees' committee. Ted Croker, the former FA secretary who was the UEFA observer in Lichon was east turneled. Lisbon, was not surprised.

Croker, who contessed that he did not spot the handball, said: "While I wish they had had a play-back system in Mexico [when Maradona scored with his hand against England], I don't think it would work. It is fraught with difficulties. The players would be demanding to players would be demanding to use it at every opportunity.

time by Borgonovo, a second half substitute in midfield for "Was a player off-side? Was a penalty inside or outside the box? Who got who sent off? It would also badly effect the flow of the same." Stroppa. Yet van Basten, with-

Such rational views had no place, though, in the French dressing-room afterwards, when all that mattered was that they had been chested out of their first European final.

Waddle, Marseilles' England winger, took it as much to heart as any Frenchman. He reckons the referee's decision should no longer be final.

"There's so much money and prestige riding on European cups and the World Cup that it's far too important to leave vital decisions to the referee and the

While surpassing all expecta-tion in a defensive sense, Marseilles failed to reach the level of performance they are capable of and achieved in an exhilarating first leg. That their goal should survive intact for so long, given that Castenada in goal was a nervous wreck throughout, was

extraordinary.
Yet one cannot help feeling that Marseilles would have put up a more spirited and stylish performance against AC Milan than Benfica seem capable of. Perhaps it was just as well that the Portuguese celebrated so ecstatically on Wednesday

Colleges rub in football defeat by Polytechnics





Full stretch: Volleyball tip from a Leeds Polytechnic player

### Universities stay in front despite unexpected losses

tipped as favourites the wooden advantage. spoon yesterday, Having lost 3- Another sweeping move 2 to the Polytechnics on allowed Mahmood Imran 2 Wednesday - Richardson scor- deserved goal in the second half-ing two minutes from time with and Bob Crutchiey's fierce shot

BRITISH Universities retained chucked the men's hockey title BRITISH Universities retained clinched the men's hockey title, the overnight lead in the having finished bottom last Endsleigh Triangular festival at year, with a 4-1 win over the Loughborough University yes. Colleges, Sam Crutchley scored terday in spite of a series of twice from his side's first short unexpected defeats over the first corners to give his side a crucial two days. The competition, also involving British Polytechnics fought back at the end of the and Colleges teams in eight first half, and Barker's glorious dribble down the right allowed Colclough to reduce the deficit, they were never allowed to take feat in the football gave the side they were never allowed to take

ing two minutes from time with and Bob Crutchley's fierce shot a tremendous shot from 35 scaled the Polytechnics' win. Yards to steal victory—they lost to a determined Colleges cucounter, the Polytechnics beat side yesterday.

The introduction of substitutes brought immediate results after a sterile first half, again.

Matthews spoiled an incisive Universities move down the right by scooping his shot over the bar a minute after the break. His next touch proved a worse mistake.

Stokes, the Colleges' left-back first set, but a moderate recoveraght him in possession on half way and broke down his wing. Stone, a substitute, was left with a simple side-foot on his low cross. The Universities forced of the Universities' three interthe equaliser after an hour, nationals. Alison Coleman, the equaliser after an hour, nationals, Alison Coleman, Chance freed Falshaw on the Lewis and Courts, allowed them right and his cross, driven low, to retrieve a 9-5 deficit and wind the crossbar.

After the Colleges had taken the women's basketball title, the

the crossbar.

An equally bizarre own goal a Universities men's team, minute later returned the lead to though badly weakened by the Colleges. Wichtam's free withdrawals, restored some kick took a heavy deflection off the wall and trickled in with Norris wrong-footed. They held on, despite a desperate rally by Universities that required Stokes to head out Gasser's effort from under his bar, and then a faint, but crucial fingertip save by Hemming that edged Murphy's 20-yard thunderbolt onto the bar.

The other surprise of the day came when the Polytechnics 2, BUSF 2, BPSA 4, BUSF 31, BUSF 32, BUSF 32, BUSF 33, BUSF 33, BUSF 33, BUSF 34, BUSF 35, BUSF 36, BUSF 36, BUSF 36, BUSF 37, BUSF 38, BUSF 38

TENNIS

**One-sided** 

contests

beat rain

By Andrew Longmore

Tennis Correspondent

THE weather, which for most of

the weather, which for most of the week has been at best erratic, at worst Arctic, finally caught up with the Prudential junior hard court championships at Wim-bledon yesterday. Heavy rain drove the players and the indoor courts in mid-

onto the indoor courts in mid-afternoon, but not before three

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

### Whitbread prize may grow

be doubled over the next two years.

Speaking at Badminton yesterday Hugh Thomas, the director of the trials, said: "If the money is available we are hoping to offer a first prize of around £20,000 by 1992."

For this year's championships, from May 3 to 6, the first prize remains at £9,000 — the highest prize for a three-day event in Europe — though money in the lesser placings has increased.

Virginia Leng and Master Craftsman are favourites, out of 99 entries, to win the trophy for the second year in succession — Staircase at 17. The latter, three providing they start. Mrs Leng steps up with a beach at the top.

THIRTY British men and

women sailors begin racing today in Hyeres, France, in the

second of this season's eight Eurolymp Olympic ranking regarias. It is the British Olym-pic squad's first foreign excur-

sion since the announcement last week of substantial new sponsorship for Olympic yacht-ing from Richard Ellis, the

international property consul-tants and commercial

The Eurolymp (the name, which in English has a some-

what unfortunate ring, is a seven-language acronym for European Ranking List for Olympic Classes) consists of regattas in Spain, France, Italy, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Graece, and the United

Greece and the United

Kingdom. Although still early in the run-

up to the 1992 Olympic regatta. Britain already has markers down in several of the Olympic

classes, with the strongest sig-nals undoubtedly coming in the women's boardsailing where Penny Way is among the leading women windsurfers in Europe.

She goes to Hyeres having just won the US mid-winters, and

the recent Olympic regattas at Palamos and Cannes; she was

third at last year's world champ-

THE first prize for the has made no secret of her wish Whitbread Championship at the to be excused Badminton to Badminton Horse Trials could be doubled over the next two for this year's World Championships in Stockholm in July.

Out of deference to those championships, for which Bad-minton is an important selection trial. Thomas has shortened the course by almost 800 metres this year. There has been no such concession with the 28 fences, of which are new.

"If anything." Thomas said yesterday, "the last third of the course is more difficult than last year." At least eight of the fences are "at the top level of diffi-culty," among them the "W" at fence 10 and the Beaufort Staircase at 17. The latter, three

British Olympic squad Bedford crew

serious competition comes from

the Chinese. In the Flying Dutchman, traditionally a class with British

strengths (Rodney Pattisson's two golds and one silver medal

not the least), Mike Lennon and

Tim Hancock are the crew to

They had three top-10 placings on last year's

Eurolymp, and recently won the Genoa Olympic classes regatta

with five wins in five races. Sixteenth, and best newcomers

to the class at last year's worlds, were Roger Tushingham and Nick Powell — Tushingham is a former Fireball world champion

former Fireball world champion who moved on to the Olympic campaign trail.

Two other bright British prospects should be Tim Tavinor in the Finns, and Rory Bowman, the former Dragon national champion, in the Soling.

Virgin Islands (AP) — Abracadabra, the new boat of Jim Andrews, from the United States, took the lead on the opening day of the Yacht Association world cup's Caribbean leg on Wednesday.

Carat VII, last year's world cup winner, piloted by Peter Holmberg, of the Virgin Islands, the Olympic silver medal win-

the Olympic silver medal win-ner, took second place for the day's events.

on Eurolymp mission

By Malcolm McKeag

involved a huge engineering job for Alan Willis, the course builder, and his son, James, Thomas also describes the Lake Complex as "a serious fence." Riders have to jump over a 3ft 9in rail, there is then one stride before another similar size rail with a 6ft 6in drop into

Ideally no more than 80 riders will start the event on May 3. The draw, made earlier this week, has placed several of the top riders in the first 10.

Ian Stark, who is due to start a three-month suspension from the sport after Badminton for alleged misuse of phenylbuta-zone, the painkilling drug, is drawn first with Glenburnie, the

streak into

two-point lead

A CONVINCING win in Smin Street by Sunstreaker, manned by David Bedford's British

crew, in the second inshore race on Manila Bay yesterday lifted the European team to a two-

point lead over Hong Kong in the Corum China Sea race series

RESULTS: Corum Chica See race series race four, Holiday Boats second fastor race: International Offshore Rule d

race four, Holiday Bouts second instore race: International Offshore Bule division: I, Sunstreaker (D Bedford, Europe), 4hr 22min 7sec: 2, Staedlast (N Pryde, Hong Kong), 4,28,57; 3, Foo 2 (W Miller, Hong Kong), 4,30,24; 4, Jeffk (F Pong, Europe), 4,31,56; 5, Cyclone (M Ryan, Australia), 4,32,24.
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After seven races of the ACY
Cup round-robin series in
Rovinj, Yugoslavia, the best of
three semi-finals seem certain to
be dominated by prospective
American cup skippers (a Special Correspondent writes).
Paul Cayard, of Italy. Peter
Isler. of America, both with
three wins from three races

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vesterday, joined Eddie War-den-Owen of Britain.

GET-OWER OF BRIZIN.
RESULTS: 1 P Cayand, (b), 6; 2. P later, (US), 6; 3. E Warden-Owen, (GB), 5; 4, M Pept (Fr), 5; 5. P Pictupin (USSR), 4; 6, P Gemour (Aus), 2; 7, D Puh (Yug), 3; 8. V Bandolowski (Den), 2; 9. A Gress (Ger) 1; 10, P Patterson (Swa), 0.

(Bob Ross writes).

rather one-sided quarter-finals had been completed in the boys'

singles.
Two of the matches wen according to seeding; the third was won most decisively by the week's surprise package, Giles Gibson, who dispatched the fifth seed and fellow YTS mem-

an hour, not counting several stoppages for showers. Under Mark Cox's guidance at Bisham, Gibson is developing into a sound all-round player. At 6ft 3in, he is not the most mobile or graceful player, but Cox has been working on his

movement through the winter. Admittedly, Holden had a day he would rather forget. Losing six straight games from I-I in the first set and never remotely coming to terms with Gibson's serve, he managed to

win only three games in the match. Philip Cooper, semi-finalist in the recent Prudential covered

court chammionships, did a limbe better against John Barton, who still won 6-2, 6-4, but Nick Gould will be disappointed that he was unable to stretch Nick Adams, recent winner of the Dewhurst Masters, at least to the final set.

Adams had just too much power and control for Gould, breaking decisively to lead 5-4 in the first set and breaking again at the start of the second. Adams finished it off in style, breaking twice more in the last three games to earn a semi-final against his county colleague and fellow LTA school pupil, Barton.

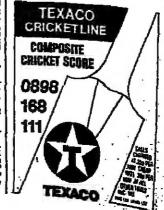
RESULTS: Boys singles: Cuerter-finales G Gisson (Donset) bt R Hotoen (Berks), 6-1. 6-2: J Berton (Easev) bt P Cooper (Verwicks), 6-2, 8-4; N Adams (Essev) bt N Gould (Avon), 6-4, 6-3. Gitts singless Caustier-finale: S Bentley (Lincs) bt M Ckinen (Surrey), 8-0, 6-1.

### Controversy hangs over loss by Javer

MONIQUE Javer was defeated in controversial circumstances in the third round of the Singapore Open yesterday, los-ing 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 to Sabine Appelmans, of Belgium (Barry Wood writes), The British No. 1 lost the

match on a point penalty after becoming upset at what she considered cheating by her opponent, in the final set Appelmans received attention for heat exhaustion. Sarah Loosemore,

while, went about her business efficiently and earned a place in the quarter-finals by defeating Claudine Toleafoa, of New Zea-land. 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.



# By Louise Taylor

THE UEFA Cup is guaranteed pride of place in an Italian side than Thomas Haesaler, the Cologne midfield player, was joining the winners in an \$8.8 million (approximately Fiorentina or Juventus who contest the final, over two legs. on May 2 and May 16.

Fiorentina had qualified on Thesday by completing their victory, by the away goal, over Werder Bremen and on Wednesday it was the turn of Juventus to dispose of further Jovenius to dispose of further West German opposition, from Cologne, in their semi-final. After winning 1-0 in the first leg

in Germany, Fiorentina truimphed via a tense 0-0 draw Juventus, who had won the first leg 3-2 in Turin, left slightly more to spare, triumphing 1-0 in Cologne against a side, without Etitharski, their leading scorer who was suspended. No sooner

choice. He now becomes the world's third most expensive footballer behind Ruud Gullit and Diego Maradona.

Such internationals as Baggio, Kubic and Dunge have failed to prevent Fiorentina from strug-gling in the Italian first division this season but Francesco Graziani, the club's newly recruited coach, said: "A UEFA Cup final

victory against our traditional rivals Juventus can salvage our

Abuse contributes to Coyle departure

During his near-15 years at Windsor Park, Coyle won 31 senior trophies, including 10 league championships, and Linfield miss out on European competition next season for the family it is time to stop and take stock. That is what I did and the result was my resignation. but the things that have hap-pened to me in the last six months defy logic. It is, unfortu-nately, part and parcel of the football scene and not confined

just to Windsor Park." Linfield, with two matches remaining, have lost nine league games this season. Last season, with virtually the same panel, they won the championship by a massive 12 points, losing on only three occasions and win-

ning 21 of their 26 matches. "There must be a better way "That is the unpredictable nature of the game," Coyle said. "You cannot legislate for success, all you can do is your best with the talent at your disposal. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't; it certainly didn't for

people who follow Linfield, me this season and I have to "When you realize that what is happening to you is having an effect on your home life and manager who has not?"

competition next season for the first time since the 1977-78 season. That is a record which, in any other part of the world, would have heralded a call from

would have heralded a call from those in high places.

But to achieve a record like that with Linfield is part and parcel of the job. "Linfield demand success and so do their supporters, the overwhelming majority of whom are very decent people," Coyle said.

of protesting than resorting to abusive language and threats. I am absolutely convinced that these people are not genuine Linfield supporters. Their presistence does get you down and you can only take so much."

### FOR THE RECORD

Cup at Sharjah. The two players are the off-spin bowler. Sajjad Akbar. and the batsman, Mansoor Rana.

Luton cash Luton Town, who are losing

£6,000 per week, were given a fillip yesterday when the board of directors injected £1.2 million into the first division club. Mansell hurt Elliott says no

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TAMPA, Floride: Women's bournament: Second round: C MacGregor (U.5) bils Moler (W.5), 2-8. 6-2. 7-5: K Marieux (But) bil L Ferrirando (th. 6-2. 6-1. 5 Coctam (th) bil h Ter Pest (Nath, 6-4. 6-2. C Martinez (Sp) bil A A Gavandon (U.5), 6-3. 6-1; S Coccam (th) bil H am Rus (Ref), 5-4. 6-2.

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Riet (Neth), 6-4, 6-2 SNGAR-Otte: Women's tournament: Third rooms: Phy (Carl) or B Cordwell (NZ), 6-2, 7-6; N Savarmans Liled by 5 Wasserman (Sel, 6-2, 7-6; S Loseomore (GB) or C Totelates (IC2), 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 Cluster frieds: P Vasquez (Perul by A Minter (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; M Wertel (US) or B Nagelsen (US), 6-2, 6-3. VOLLEYBALL

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n challen

By George Ace RAY Coyle, the most successful manager in the history of Irish football, resigned from Linfield yesterday.

---His departure from Windsor Park marks the end of an era. After close to 15 years at the helm, Coyle said: "I was under the pressure from my board. My decision to resign was prompted by several factors and my departure from the club was

"The chairman accepted my view that it was in the best interests of the club for me to "Coyle joined Linfield from Grimsby Town in November, 1975, with no previous managerial experience. But he brought to football management the same aggressive spirit and compenitive urge that was the hallmark of a successful career



Coyle: family concern Antrim shield. But the parts then started to fit and I am very proud that I was a player when Linfield achieved a league and cup double in 1978."

For six months Coyle has been the recipient of some disgraceful verbal abuse by a vociferous minority of the

### as a player which saw him win five caps for Northern Ireland. "I had a tardy start," Coyle said. "It took me 18 months to win my first trophy, the County SPORT IN BRIEF

### Petition to Cash offered save rink

cam blow CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save skating in Richmond-upon-Thames yesterday presented a 48,000-signature petition to the leader of the local council, David Williams. ...The petition, compiled by Save Richmond Skating (SRS). calls on the council to ensure

that a new rink is built to replace

### the world famous Richmond Ice Rink ice protest

Berne (AFP) - The Inter-national Ice Hockey Federation national Ice Hockey Federation (NHF) yesterday threatened to boycott the Winter Olympic Games in Albertville, France in 1992 in protest at plans to have inst one Olympic standard ice hockey rink at altitude at Meribel. The IIHF want two.

# Pat Cash, who has been the plagued by injury since winning the 1987 Wimbledon men's singles champiouship, has been given a wild card entry into the Stella Artois £303,000 tennis

tournament at Queen's Club, London, from June 11-17. Two are new Lahore, Pakistan (Reuter) -Pakistan have named two newcomers in their 14-man squad for the six nation Austral-Asia

Malcolm Elitor has pulled out of the opening round of the Scottish Provident League at Portsmouth today to ride for his Spanish cycling team, Teka, in Spanish cycling team, Teka, in Rivazza bend at the Imola an event in Toledo in Spain autodromeduring testing for the

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# SPORT

# Liverpool receive lift for Europe return

Valletta, Malta

LENNART Johansson, the new president of the European Football Union (UEFA), cleared the way yesterday for Liverpool to return to European competition next season at the same time as the other English clubs.

Europe needs English clubs in our competitions, and they need to come back into Europe," Johansson, who had been nominated for the presidency by the Football Association, said soon after his election at the twentieth congress here yesterday.

being solved by continuing application any longer than isolation. The ban has been isolation. The ban has been the general application, "Kelly long enough and, if the FA said, "If the discussions bemake an application for Liverpool to return next sea- new UEFA president are son, I could hardly see a satisfactory, and Liverpool are

were given an extra three years to wait once English clubs

There have been several suggestions that the punishment would be cut to one year but Johansson dismissed even that reduction. "That can be changed," he said.

This startling development took even the FA by surprise. But after hasty consultation with the chairman, Bert Millichip, Graham Kelly, the chief executive, confirmed that, if UEFA wished it, the

There is no reason in our I cannot see the problems view to delay Liverpool's tween the government and the in one of the three qualifying In the aftermath of the places, we will ask UEFA to

PETER Robinson, Liverpool's chief executive, welcomed yesterday's news (lan Ross writes). "If this is true, then obviously we are very, very pleased indeed," he said. "If this club was to be allowed to return to European football, it

would be a great morale-booster. "We are fully aware, however, that everything will now hinge on the behaviour of English supporters during this summer's World Cup finals in Italy. If there was to be trouble in Italy, then obviously our chances of returning

would recede quite dramatically. "We are fully aware that both our supporters and our players have missed

There is no doubt that Liverpool will finish either

first or second in the League,

which will make their inclu-

sion in the application a

formality. Johannson said

that his sympathy for Liver-

pool's cause had developed

when he attended the me-

the involvement with top-class European football. In many respects, it had become a way of life in Liverpool. "It will also be a tremendous boost in

purely financial terms. I would estimate that we have lost upwards of £500,000 per season during the course of our ban." Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United

manager, was also delighted at the news. "It is a major boost for ourselves and Crystal Palace to be fighting for a place in next season's Cup Winners' Cup," he

"But the most important thing is that the door is open again, and that English clubs are perhaps going to be welcomed

will have to be realistic

consideration of the support-

ers' behaviour in Italy, and it

was important that any de-

cisions were based on facts not

emotive headlines.

last year.
"That convinced me," he

said, "I did not see Everton

fans and Liverpool fans but

football fans. If you saw how

sorry they were about the

tragedy, it was very touching." The return is, of course, still

subject to Government ap-

proval and to the behaviour of the English supporters in Italy.

· Doug Ellis, the chairman of Aston Villa, yesterday appealed to supporters in general not to undermine the imminent uplifting of the UEFA ban.

Ellis, a member of the League management committee, is auxious that supporters are careful to safeguard the return to Europe by their conduct during the final domestic games and in Italy for the World Cup.

"For heaven's sake, supporters who go to Italy must remember they are English and as much a part of the scene as the England players." Ellis said. "We must not spoil it for ourselves again."

Colin Moyniban, the Minister Johannson insisted that there

for Sport, and the FA will

move to set this up. Johansson is hopeful that the date will

coincide with the FA Cup

final. "I have never seen a cup

final at Wembley," he said. Kelly said: "We will bring Government approval remains dependent on a meeting involving the football authorithe parties together and hope that Mr Moynihan will be able ties, the new president and to say that part two of the

Football Spectators Act is up and running, that he will be able to report good progress in the talks he has had with the Italian government on submitting names of offenders; and we hope he will be able to point to the initiatives the FA have taken with the travel club."

If Moynihan fulfils these wishes, it is likely that will be enough to satisfy the UEFA

The Swede, who is even rumoured to support Arsenal, is a regular visitor to London and a great friend of English football. The importance of his election for the English cause cannot be overstated.

Such an encouraging development had scarcely seemed likely earlier in the day. In a long speech, the returng president, Jacques Georges, left his listeners in no doubt that his interpretation of UEFA's remirements from the British

Government were more stringent than those of his

"It is important to know what the British government will do," Georges said. "Will they allow hooligans who are on file to take the ferry? That is madmissible. The new UEFA government will have to go to London to contact all the authorities and say: 'What are you doing? Will you take measures to guarantee safety for speciators?

"If the president can feel assured, then my proposal that English clabs may be readmitted can go ahead. Until then, it would be suicide to allow them back without

The glass expressions on the faces of the English delegation said everything that needed revealing at that stage. The election of Johans rapidly changed their mood.

Davis gets

control of

game and

his maths

By Steve Acteson STEVE Davis came to Sheffield this year perhaps more open to doubt that he could win the Embassy world championship than at any time since his first visit to the

Crucible Theatre in 1979

when he lost in the first round

to Dennis Taylor as a callow

Eleven years and six world titles later he has this season

endured the longest losing

streak of his career between

tournament victories in Octo-

ber and on April 1. It was

considered he had become

vulnerable. Those thoughts,

he is swiftly proving were

Having dismissed Eddie Chariton by 10-1 in the open-ing round, he yesterday opened a big lead over Steve

James, the Mercantile Credit

Classic winner, and last night

required only two more frames to reach the quarter-

The previous night, Davis had compiled breaks of 117, 52, 70, 34 and 77 and yet still

led James by only 5-3. The fact that he was not 6-2 ahead was

a simple matter of mathemat-

ics. Cleaning up, he thought, to

force a responed black in frame seven. Davis potted the

pink and with only the black left suddenly realized he was

eight points in arrears and not

Yesterday, Davis played a

tighter game. He made best

breaks of only 61, 30 and 31 in

eight frames but it was still a

ciassic performance, for Da-

vis, the most merciless of

opponents, was more intent upon punishing James's array of blunders.

Davis won the opening frame after James had missed

three simple reds and when he

perpetrated the same error in the next Davis compiled his

fourth half century break of

the match. Frames three and

four of the morning also fell to Davis, the latter when James missed a simple bine.

MISSOI & Simple blue.

RESULTS: (Engined unless stated): Second round: S Davis lesses S James 11-5.
Frame scores (Davis Srst: 117-9, 77-0,
12-51, 70-2, 53-57, 110-8, 53-51, 69-1, 6730, 94-17, 69-20, 89-91, 69-51, 4-77, 03-8,
88-4. D Mountjoy (Wales) lends: G
Thorburn First: 121-0, 50-64, 62-48, 63-76,
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trey: 8-90, 12-97, 74-27, 28-70, 57-5, 7458, 178-1, 74-81, 07 Frame accress (Farrer)
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69-21, 78-30, 31-69, 50-60, 52-4, 53-65,
59-51, 78-30, 51-69, 51-62, 71-39, 53-55,
Westnesday's laste search: First: round: 5,

youth of 21.

# morial service for the Hillsborough disaster victims Errant reporters will stand trial at football court

rooms and in car parks.

There are 230 members of

the association. The criterion

for membership is that the

individual must earn two-

thirds of his or her income by

writing about the game. Asso-

ciate membership, which will confer the same privileges and

negalties on the holder for

press conferences next season

as a full member, is open to

they are found guilty by a third, he or she could be disciplinary panel of violating expelled from the association. an agreed code of practice a second time after a warning.

In the most revolutionary move of its 42-year history, the Football Writers' Association (FWA) has also agreed with the Football League that for an experimental 12-month period, managers, or an acceptable club representative, plus at least two players from each team must go to the formal conference, which can only be attended by FWA members. Members of the Press, who

are not FWA members, or who are suspended or lose their membership of the association, will be forced to seek their interviews sole object is to improve

The FWA has agreed with the status of football reporters. that a complaint from a league club about a journalist's work should be investigated, a panel under the chairmanship of Denis Howell, the former Sports Minister, will be convened. It will consist of two FWA members, two representatives from the Football League and one representative from both the Football League Executive Staff Association and the Professional Footballers' Association.

If the panel finds the complaint justified it will have the TV and radio broadcasters

**HAVE YOU GOT** 

FOOTBALL reporters could power to warn a journalist, and other journalists who do be barred from attending post- For a second offence, the not earn two-thirds of their match press conferences at journalist's FWA membership income from covering the league clubs next season if could be withdrawn and for a game

The majority of journalists reporting the game are FWA Among the reasons why a members. In the course of two years of negotiations with the complaint could be upheld are: a lack of truth or invention in an article; a deliberate misquote; and a failure to image and secure the cooperamake full and proper efforts to tion of the game's authorities corroborate information reby obliging officials and playceived as sheer hearsay. ers to attend press con-The panel will also consider ferences, as is commonplace

complaints from FWA members against managers over allegations of lying and, if player is obliged to be interproved, a manager could be viewed by the media within 30 censured. It is hoped that tape minutes of the end of the recordings will be kept of all match unless injured or physically unable to be present. post-match interviews. Refusal renders the player liable to a fine of \$1,000. The FWA emphasises that the body is open to all

iournalists for an annual In golf, a player is expected to attend a press conference subscription of £20, and its and the PGA European Tour regulations state that the standards of journalism and requirement for players to give full cooperation to the o for many years have been press "needs no underlining". obliged to have hurried inter-However, in neither sport are views with managers and there any sanctions on players outside dressing

> A spokesman for the National Union of Journalists yesterday: pleased to see journalists working under a code of practice that seeks to establish high standards in football

> However, he said two things worried the union. One was whether some reporters covering football games who are not members of the association would be barred from press conferences. "It is an important principle of journalism that press conferences should be open to all bona fide journalists who want to cover

The NUJ was also worried about the disputes procedure because it appeared to be set up with a majority of administrators from the game rather than journalists to decide whether there had been a breach of the code of coduct.

He said: "Journalists work under their own code of conduct under which they are subject to their union and their employer. We would not be happy if a football reporter could have his livelihood taken away by a body largely composed of administrators of the game that he is writing

However, the FWA emphasized that it is setting up an appeals procedure and that individuals would not endanger their livelihood because they could still report games and interview officials and players independently.

By John Goodbody

A BELGIAN professional cy-

clist won the Paris-Roubaix

classic after being injected

with cells from the placenta of

an unborn lamb, a rejuvena-

tion treatment undergone by

many showbusiness personal-

ities, including Britt Ekland,

Frank Sinatra and Patrick

MacNee of The Avengers.
Although the "cure", administered at clinics in

Switzerland and Germany.

has been popular for many

years, it is believed to be the

first time that a leading sports-

man has used the treatment to

help improve his

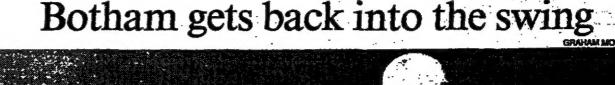
Eddy Planckaert took the

injections in January because

he said he was beginning to

feel tired after nine years'

performance.





three first innings wickets in hand, are 96 runs behind MCC IN THE 28.1 overs that were bowled between the showers 289 for seven. It was, to be honest, a merciful release

snowscape and caused play to be abandoned soon after five

how he might have done, say, 10 years ago. He skimmed Watkin over mid-off's head for four and then pulled him beyond the ordinary mortal for six, admittedly over the All the same, it took a blinding

the selectors.

the injections had made any

difference to his performances, Bonthuis replied:

"Well one does not know what

would have happened if he

had not taken them. They

certainly do not seem to have

endocrinologist at the Royal

Free Hospital, said that the

Doctor Jean Ginsburg, an

harmed him."

Clarens in Switzerland, cost placenta was a remarkable

sionally producing something catch to get rid of him - by Parker at second slip, off the

too, to some lack of cohe has ever visited a long jump coach: they have sorted fast bowlers out before now who have had problems with

MMC's bowler was Watkin,

with their much less promment seams, are expected to make life a good deal harder. But in this match, even on an excellent pitch, he has not suffered as much as he no doubt will when it gets warmer and drier. Nor, for that matter, did Botham when he was bowling.

MCC: First havings 366 (P Perker 93, W X Hegg 57, M R Benson 5≥ IT Bolhem 4 for 68, N V Radford 4 for 118). 66, N V Rediord 4 for 116).

WORCESTERRINING: First lentings
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Total (7 wids) 288 S.M. McEwan and N.V. Redford to bar. FALL OF WICKEYS: 1-81, 2-165, 3-181, 4-213, 5-237, 6-258, 7-268, Unspires: 8 Dudieston and K.J. Lyone.

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### **US** hurdler banned for drug-use INDIANAPOLIS (Reuter) -

Greg Foster, the American Olympic hurdler, has been suspended for three months fon using banned substances. The Athletics Congress (TAC) announced yesterday.

Foster, the silver medal winner in the high hurdles at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, tested positive for pseudo-enhedrine, ephedphenylpropanolamine at the

Los Angeles invitational indoor meeting on January 19.
TAC said the substances were stimulants commonly found in over-the-counter medications but which were banned by the International

Amateur Athletic Federation If the decision is upheld by a TAC review board: Foster will be suspended for three months from March 29. This would prevent him from qualifying

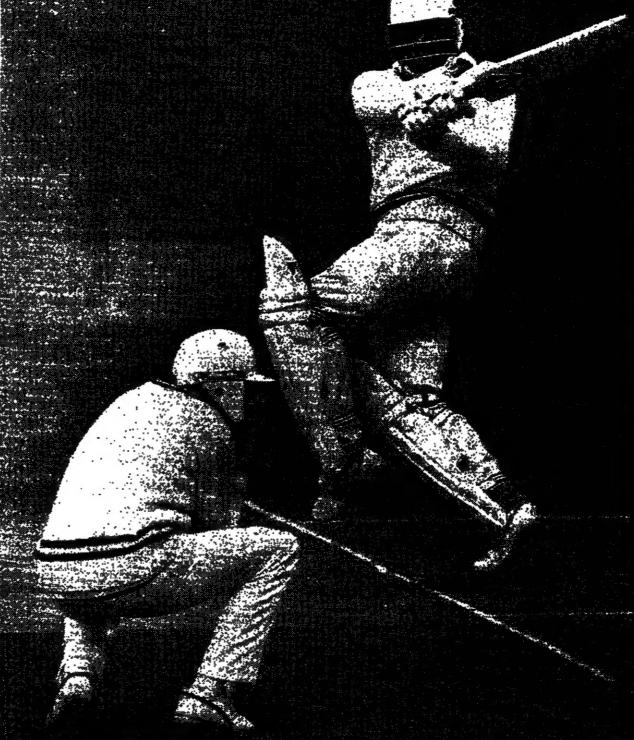
for the Goodwill Games this Summer in Scattle.
Foster also wen the world outdoor title in the 110 metre

hurdles in Helsinki in 1983

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Take that: Botham strikes a typical blow to the boundary yesterday for Worcestershire against MCC at Lord's

# surviving several close calls the balls being used this year, for leg-before and only occa- with their much less prom-

By John Woodcock

LORD'S: Worcestershire, with at Lord's yesterday, Worcestershire took their first innings from 181 for three to when a hailstorm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, turned the ground into a

Although he batted for only 40 minutes, much the most interesting and challenging cricket came when Botham was in. There was really no noticeable difference from the way he played yesterday and

professional riding. His vic-tory in the Paris-Roubaix ride, known as L'Enfer du Nord

(The Hell of the North)

because of the stretches of

cobblestones, was his third

to do with doping," Plankaert

is quoted as saying by

L'Equipe, the French daily

sports newspaper. "It was

even recommended by my

The "cure", which he

underwent in a clinic at

him 40,000 French francs

(about £4,000), and he was so

aged 72, to have the same

treatement

"The treatment has nothing

win in six weeks' racing.

tiny Tavern boundary. The trouble was, as kept

happening last year when he made a start, he got out rather than going on. Had he not been in such

useful form, the chances are that be would have missed the ball from Cowans that did for him - it left him quite sharply - instead of edging it to Hegg. However, at No. 4 in the order, where he is to start the season, Botham will not want their run-up. for opportunities to embarrass

this season, said: "He is or not."

endlessly willing but often wayward Lawrence. In his 25.1 overs, Lawrence has bowled 27 no-balls. If that is part carelessness, it points, ordination. I wonder whether

The most successful of

In making 72, most of them on Wednesday evening, Hick was never quite at his best, was never quite at his best,

ager of the Panasonic team for have won the race whether he which Planckaert has ridden had been given the injection

certainly going very well at the moment." Asked if he thought Panasonic riders has under-None of the rest of the gone the treatment, which Planckaert underwent while between contracts because he did not join his new team until the start of this season.

Planckaert has wen 13 stages of the major tours and took the green jersey in the 1988 Tour de France for the best daily placing. He has also twice won the Het Volk

organ, as it produces both steroid and peptide. "How-Past master delighted with the result that ever, I am not aware that any Hie Nastase will be one of the he is going to send his mother, extract injected into a competitor will affect the perfor-

eight players taking part in the Leading Leisure Masters teams mance. It is not like a tournament at Basingstoke next Peter Bonthuis, the man-synthetic steroid. He might mouth

Win a round of golf with The Masters chempion

and Rome in 1987.